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WARLIKE ACTION IN CARIBBEAN

DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES COASTGUARD SHIP

Venezuelan Captain Stuffs His Country's Flag in His Pocket.

Wilhelmstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 14.—The following detailed story of the capture on Saturday last of the Venezuelan coastguard ship, *Alis*, by the Dutch cruiser *Gelderland*, was obtained this morning from an officer of the cruiser. At 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the *Gelderland* was steaming slowly a short distance off the Port of Puerto Cabello. She noticed the *Alis* coming in, and after taking up a position that prevented the passage of the smaller boat, she ordered her to stop and sent a boat to search the Venezuelan vessel.

It was discovered that the captain of the *Alis* had hidden his Venezuelan pennant in his pocket, and he pretended that his vessel was a merchant steamer. A passenger on board the *Alis*, however, declared to the Dutch officer that the *Alis* was a coastguard vessel. A search was then made. The flag was found in the captain's pocket, and six rifles and a small quantity of ammunition also were discovered. The rifles were in bad condition.

The crew of the *Alis* were given their choice of coming to Curacao or going ashore at Puerto Cabello. They preferred the latter course, embarked in one of their own boats and pulled into the harbor.

The Venezuelan gunboat *Restaurador*, was at Puerto Cabello, and the officer of the *Gelderland* could see her getting up steam. Smoke was pouring from her funnel. The *Gelderland* stayed outside Puerto Cabello for several hours, waiting to see if the *Restaurador* would come out, but she did not. The *Gelderland* then proceeded to man the *Alis* with an officer and several marines and towed her into Curacao, arriving yesterday. The *Alis* is now anchored in the inner bay.

Venezuela Protests.

Caracas, Venezuela, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 14.—Foreign Minister Paul today sent a note to the members of the Diplomatic Corps here protesting vigorously against the "repeated violation of the territorial rights of Venezuela," by the three Dutch warships that have been cruising in Venezuelan waters since December 2nd. No blockade has been declared, he set forth and the continued interference with the coastwise shipping is having a detrimental effect upon the commerce of neutral powers. In conclusion the foreign minister says:

"Venezuela protests with energy against these aggressions upon the territorial sovereignty of the republic, and she holds Holland responsible for all the consequences."

GERMANY TO MAKE OVERTURES TO CANADA

Wants Improved Trade Relations—Modus Vivendi May Be Found

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The German government is awaiting the result of the debate in the French senate in regard to the proposed Franco-Canadian commercial treaty. Should the senate ratify the treaty, then there is little doubt Germany will try and come to similar arrangements with Canada.

It is believed that, supported by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present Canadian cabinet will find a modus-vivendi, which would be acceptable to the commercial interests of Germany.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Esther Brandt, widow of a former prominent physician of Lewisville, near here, was found on the fifth floor of her home on Saturday stabbed to death with a butcher knife. The case is shrouded in mystery, as the home bears no evidence of having been robbed, and the wound is of such a character, the knife having entered the throat and emerged at the back of the neck, that it is not thought it could have been self-inflicted.

The woman was 55 years of age and resided by herself, her sole means of support being a government pension of \$12 per month.

ROCKEFELLER IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—Unexpected and unheralded, John D. Rockefeller arrived in Cleveland on Saturday from New York. The oil magnate went to his town house, and then for the first time in years strolled about the city. He was seen at the street and the Nickel Plate tracks, where he first set up business as an oil refiner, rode in a street car to Forest Hill, his East Cleveland estate, tramped about the place for two hours with the caretaker, and returned to his town home to pass the night.

MRS. EDDY'S HEALTH.

Christian Science Leader Reported to Be in Usual Trim.

BALCONY COLLAPSES.

Spectators at Moving Picture Show Buried in Debris—Audience in a Panic.

New York, Dec. 14.—An audience of 500 persons was thrown into a panic on Saturday night, and a score were injured, several seriously, when the balcony in a moving picture show house on the Lower East side collapsed. Firemen and police reserves were rushed to the scene of the accident, and a dozen of the victims who had been buried in the debris of the collapse in the gallery were dug out and attended to by surgeons.

Thirty of those in the gallery were precipitated to the floor of the building when the section just back of the railing gave way. There was a run for the stairs by those remaining in the gallery, and in the jam several persons were slightly injured.

B. C.'S REPRESENTATION IN DOMINION CABINET

Sir Wilfrid Anxious to Meet Views of Mining Men Throughout Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—British Columbia's two Liberal members, R. Smith and W. Sloan, are in the city consulting with the Hon. W. Templeman and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, respecting the cabinet representation of the province. Mr. Smith arrived on Saturday and Mr. Sloan this morning.

Nothing definite has been decided as yet as to what will be the outcome of the present situation, but it is understood the premier is desirous to arrange, if possible, to meet the general desire expressed by the Liberals of the Pacific coast and by the mining interests generally throughout Canada, that Mr. Templeman retain the portfolio of Mines and Inland Revenue. The present difficulty of a seat for Mr. Templeman during the coming session can be satisfactorily overcome, as it is believed here that the result of the protest entered in Victoria will mean the re-opening of that seat, and in the by-election next year the election of the minister would be practically certain.

Mr. Smith leaves for home again on Wednesday.

KING EDWARD AGAIN IN NORMAL HEALTH

London, Dec. 14.—King Edward arrived today in London greatly improved in health. He held an audience at Buckingham Palace, during which he walked briskly about the rooms and conversed freely and animatedly with those present.

Upon the advice of his physicians the King has given up his visit to Lord Burton in Dorsetshire, because of the inclement weather, and returns to Brighton to-morrow.

SCHOOLGIRL TRAGEDY.

Fourteen-Year-Old Lella Sigmund Chokes to Death Rather Than Go to School.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Because she did not want to go to school, Lella Sigmund, 14 years old, ended her life with carbolic acid at the home of her stepfather, Fred Temple, 42 Twenty-third avenue, on Saturday night. The girl drank an ounce of the poison just as Temple, who is foreman for George W. Albee, walked on the porch of his home. That she had intended to leave a note explaining her rash act, but was frustrated by the arrival of her stepfather, was indicated by pen, ink and paper set out on a table in the front room.

AEROPLANE TRIAL.

Hammondsport, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The aeroplane Silver Dart, the fourth machine of this kind built by the Aero Experiment Club, made four flights early this morning. The balance and control of the aeroplane proved satisfactory during the flight.

TAFT TO SMOOTH OUT PANAMA TANGLES

Roosevelt Approves Proposed Visit of President-elect to Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 14.—William H. Taft, president-elect, contemplates a visit to Panama before his inauguration. This visit is approved by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

While it has not been finally determined upon, Mr. Taft announced on Saturday night that it was his intention to go. Should this be his final decision, he will leave Charleston, S. C., probably in the last week in January for a trip which will occupy approximately twenty days.

There are many reasons, in Mr. Taft's view, why the trip of the president-elect to the isthmus would be of decided advantage to the advancement of the canal project, and consequently to the United States. President Roosevelt's visit proved a decided stimulus to the work. There are constantly arising and accumulating many minor tangles of administration and conflict of authority which the presence of the president or the president-elect would make possible of clearing up with little difficulty. Mr. Taft feels that this will be practically his only opportunity to visit the isthmus during his forthcoming term as president.

CASTRO KEEPS MISSION SECRET

MYSTERY SURROUNDS HIS PRESENCE IN EUROPE

Leaves Paris for Berlin—No Communication With French Government.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Following President Castro's criticism of France's attitude towards the Venezuelan government in his interview with a representative of the Temps here last night, the French government today issued a semi-official note explaining its position. The note states that Castro was informed when he disembarked at Pauillac last week that no opposition would be made to his landing and also that if as reported from Port de France, Martinique, the distinguished visitor desired to re-establish diplomatic relations, the French government was willing, provided he refrained from any declaration calculated to disturb public order.

At the same time, Castro was notified that eventually negotiations must occur through the regular diplomatic channels, and that any departure from the above conditions would be followed by expulsion. The note says Castro made no reply to the government, but at Paris informed Foreign Minister Pichon, through his physician, that he was leaving for Germany. The government will be questioned in the Chamber of Deputies to-day by a colonial deputy regarding its attitude towards President Castro, and it is understood that M. Pichon will make a statement in reply.

Interviewed by Woman.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A woman newspaper writer succeeded in getting an amusing interview with President Castro on Saturday by sending up to him a letter in Spanish asking him to deliver a lecture on Venezuela before the Latin-American league.

When the Venezuelan president appeared he was very ungracious at first, but finding that she was not a Spanish woman but a Parisienne, cheered up. He asked her, with a glance at the lowering grey sky out of the window, if it was always cold in Paris. The lady pointed out that it was winter now, and said that if he went to Berlin for an operation he would find it much colder there. "Operation," exclaimed President Castro, "I am no more sick than you are." Asked why he did not go to the Riviera, he said he had heard of it. The interviewer, opening an opening to introduce politics, remarked: "Perhaps you would not be permitted to go there."

"I do exactly as I wish," said Castro, emphasizing his words with a thump on the table with his fist. He fenced the other questions with clumsy compliments, concluding by smilingly saying that it was the brightest hour of his stay in Paris.

Going to Berlin.

Cologne, Dec. 14.—President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here yesterday evening from Paris and spent the night at a hotel. Early this morning he started with the members of his party for Berlin. The president looks very pale and seems to be a sick man.

UNRELENTING CRUSADE AGAINST "NIGHT RIDERS"

Gang of Ten to Answer for the Murder of Captain Rankin.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Late today ten men, alleged leaders of the "Night Riders" band, of Reelfoot Lake, will be placed on trial for their lives charged with putting to death Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act of a series of outlaws so high-handed as to call for the mustering of the forces of the state to aid the civil authorities in the hunting down and prosecution of the members of the clan.

When the court meets to-day Judge Joseph E. Jones will preside at the trials, and will announce his decision in regard to the contention of the defence that the plan suggested by the state for selecting the jury veniremen, not by the usual method at random from among those eligible for serving, but personally by Judge Jones, is irregular. Then will begin the summons of jury veniremen. Both state and defence will be allowed 24 peremptory challenges.

The investigation of the depredations of the night riders' clan began within two days of the killing of Captain Rankin on the night of October 19th. Since that time, under the personal direction of Governor Patterson, an unremitting crusade has been waged, and resulted in the arrest of several hundred men. The circuit court was convened in special session, and as fast as secured the evidence was presented, and more than 350 indictments have been found charging varying degrees of lawlessness. The present is the second term of the court, the first term, the legality of which was questioned, ending a week ago.

K. C. INSULTS JUDGE.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 14.—N. P. Hagell, K. C., one of the best known lawyers of Winnipeg, insulted a judge here and was locked up for several hours. He kicked in the door of the room before being released.

JAPS TO COMMENCE OCEAN RATE WAR

London, Dec. 14.—The Edinburgh Scotsman understands the Japanese are about to commence a rate cutting against the C. P. R. on the Pacific with the object of driving them off the ocean, as they have already driven the American lines.

VANCOUVER LADY LOSES \$15,000 NECKLACE

Misses Diamonds After Reaching Frisco en Route to Los Angeles.

(Special to the Times.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—Mrs. A. M. McKillop, of Vancouver, B. C., wife of a wealthy business man of that city en route to Los Angeles for the winter, has reported to the police the loss of a diamond necklace valued at \$15,000. The police, after rigid investigation, are inclined to believe the gems were stolen or lost during Mrs. McKillop's journey from Vancouver.

The loss was not discovered until Mrs. McKillop opened her trunk at the hotel here. Mrs. McKillop thinks the necklace was stolen at the time the baggage was examined for customs duties when the train crossed the line from British Columbia. She says the line was passed about midnight and that she gave the keys of the trunk to an attendant, who saw them through the customs routine.

The railroad officials and government authorities at the line have been notified.

SKIDOO MAN SAYS 'TIS GREATEST SPORT EVER

Appears in Airship and Scatters
Largesse to Crowd of
2,000.

(Special to the Times.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—E. Oscar Hart, of Skidoo, Cal., a mining man, yesterday afternoon scattered largesse from Roy Kaabenshue's airship for twenty minutes to two thousand scramblers below. Hart appears periodically from Skidoo with pockets full of largesse, but hitherto has scattered it to the crowds from an automobile. He says "It is the greatest sport ever."

YACHT CLUB MURDER TRIAL OPENS TO-DAY

Thornton J. Haines Charged as Accessory in Slaying of William Annis.

Ft. Worth, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The trial of Thornton J. Haines, author and seafarer, charged with being accessory to the murder of Wm. E. Annis, an editor who was shot and killed at the Bayside Yacht Club last summer by Capt. Peter C. Haines, Jr., will commence this afternoon before Justice Crane, in the supreme court. The old town of Ft. Worth has not had a murder trial of such major interest for many years, and long before the hour for the trial there was quite a gathering of people in front of the town hall, where the case will be tried. The small hotels are filled to overflowing with 500 talemen, from which a jury will be selected. General Peter Haines, U. S. A., retired, father of the brothers now confined in Long Island jail for the Annis murder, came from New York City to-day to attend the trial.

Justice Crane convened the court at 10 o'clock in order that the roll of talemen might be called. The 100 talemen drawn on the first panel, which has been protested by the defence on the ground that it was improperly drawn, were sent to a room below the court chamber while the roll of 130 talemen drawn on two subsequent panels was called.

District Attorney Darrin announced that the prosecution of Haines would be conducted by himself, assisted by special prosecutors, Elmer I. White and J. A. Dayton, together with Assistant District Attorneys Fish and McKenize. Detective John Buller, of the Ft. Worth police station, has charge of the witnesses and talemen. After the roll Justice Crane adjourned the court until 1 o'clock, when Thornton Haines will be brought into court.

"BLACK HAND" CRIMES.

Three Italians Arrested for Dastardly Attack on Two Men.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 14.—Following the receipt of a threatening "Black Hand" letter John Onell and Antonio Rogers were attacked and terribly injured at Hastings, Pa., last night. Onell was stabbed in the spine, causing paralysis, and Rogers' eye was gouged out with a knife. Three Italians were arrested early to-day and identified as the assailants by Onell.

ELEVEN DEAD; FIFTY INJURED

DYNAMITE CATASTROPHE ON PANAMA CANAL WORK

Bodies Buried Beneath Debris —Casualties May Exceed Present Estimate.

Colon, Dec. 14.—A giant blast of dynamite, all ready prepared for firing, was prematurely exploded in the workings at Bas Obispo on Saturday. Eleven men were killed and fifty injured. It may be that others have been killed, for the debris is piled up in all directions.

Bas Obispo is about thirty miles from Colon, and the shock of the explosion was distinctly felt here. Numerous reports are current as to the cause of the accident, but the official version from Culebra, which gives an estimate of ten killed and fifty wounded, states that during the blowing of the last hole of the blast, the dynamite in this cutting was discharged and the remaining twenty-two tons were exploded by concussion. The holes had not been connected electrically, and the discharge was set for 5 o'clock. The last hole was being loaded under the supervision of one of the most efficient powder men in the employ of the commission.

A passenger train had just passed when the explosion occurred, but it was not in any way damaged. The majority of the victims are Spanish. Relief trains were sent to the scene of the disaster, and one which returned here several hours later, brought back the report that forty-five of the injured had been sent to the hospital. The officials on the train stated that eleven dead had been found, while many others in the rank of a hundred and twenty who were employed on the cut were missing.

It was also reported by the trainmen that the explosion was due to a passing steam shovel, which hooked the wire leading to the immense charge of dynamite.

Two Americans Dead.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Official advice showed that there were two Americans killed in the explosion at Bas Obispo. These are John J. Kelly, a foreman from Indianapolis, Ind., and James H. Hummer, of Dunesville, N. J. The brief message from Chairman Goethals to Capt. Hogg, chief of the Washington office of the commission, gave no details.

STREET CROSSING FATALITY.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—One man was killed and several other passengers escaped with slight injuries yesterday, when a Michigan Central freight train ran into a street car at a crossing in Chicago Heights.

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—Attorney-General Charles J. Bonaparte on Saturday indicated that he would not be a member of President Taft's cabinet when in response to an inquiry on the subject he said that after March 4th next he positively would retire from public life.

POSTHUMOUS TITLE FOR TSZU HZI AN

To Be Called "Filial and Admirable Empress of the Heavens."

Peking, Dec. 14.—An edict was issued yesterday conferring upon the late Dowager Empress Tsu Hzi An, the posthumous title of "Filial and Admirable Empress of the Heavens, equal and bright and practicing holiness." The edict orders that special ceremonies be carried out in connection with the conferring of the title.

PUBLIC WORKS IN ALBERTA.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14.—John Storke, deputy minister of public works of Alberta, reports that work in charge of his department is now in course of actual construction as follows: Bridge at Taber over Belly river; bridge at McLeod over Old Man river; bridge at Red Deer over Red Deer; Wetaskiwin court house, nearing completion.

Provincial telephone warehouse in this city, almost finished.

Work has been suspended on the Calgary land titles office owing to shortage of supplies. The second floor of the parliament building at Edmonton will be completed by the end of January. Mr. Storke expects that these various works will be continued right through the winter months.

CALGARY'S NEW LIBRARY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14.—The Calgary library board will take immediate steps to push forward the construction of the new library for Calgary. All the stone will be got out at once, and the work of excavation will be commenced in a few days.

TRIBUTE TO BILL NYE.

Greensboro, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Dr. John M. Danner, of Hendersonville, N. C., a friend of the humorist, Bill Nye, has placed an order for a large block of rough granite to be placed as a monument at Nye's grave at Buck Shoals. An epitaph engraved on bronze is being prepared as the only inscription for the monument.

MONTEAL SNOWBOUND.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—Thirty hours' snowstorm has paralyzed Montreal and throughout a large portion of Quebec province is giving the railroads and municipal authorities a severe battle to keep open the lines of transportation. In Montreal it is costing more than \$1,000 an hour to keep the streets open, without counting the expense to the street railway company.

BANQUET OF DEATH.

(Special to the Times.)
Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 14.—Mrs. August Rose, another victim of the poisoned meat served at the Prometheus banquet, is about to die.

BANKING ABSORPTION.

Uxbridge, Ont., Dec. 14.—The private banking business of Isaac T. Gould & Brothers, of this town, has been taken over by the Sterling Bank of Canada.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Deputy Postmaster Sandbagged—Thieves Escape With \$2,500.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.—Three unknown men entered the post-office here last night while Deputy Postmaster Frank Higgins was making out a payroll, knocked him senseless with a sandbag, and then escaped with \$2,500. They are supposed to have gone to Canada. Higgins recovered consciousness early to-day and crawled out of the building and gave the alarm.

GERMAN NAVAL INTENTIONS.

Rumored Acquisition of Berlina Islands as Base Is Denied.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, says in a dispatch that he is authorized to deny the story from Paris that Germany is about to acquire the Berlina Islands off the coast of Portugal, with the idea of establishing a fortified coaling station there.

ADMIRAL CERVERA RETIRES.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—Vice-Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, was retired from the active list of the Spanish navy to-day at his own request.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS ARE BANQUETTED

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—Dr. Lefm, the well known mathematician, gave a luncheon on Saturday in honor of Prof. Lippman, of Paris, and Prof. Rutherford, of Manchester (the latter formerly of McGill University, Montreal), two of the Nobel prize winners. Covers were laid for 120 guests representing the scientific world. M. Toile, minister of foreign affairs, welcomed the guests of honor. Referring to Professor Rutherford in a cordial speech, the minister said he was a young explorer in the realm that was new and marvelous in science, which was neither physics nor chemistry. In view of this fact, he ventured to hope that they might again welcome Professor Rutherford there as another winner of the Nobel prize. He (the chairman), drank the welfare of French and British science.

PRINCE CHUN'S SALARY.

Will Receive \$105,000 Yearly for Administering Chinese Affairs.

Peking, Dec. 14.—Statutes fixing the official status of Prince Chun, the regent, were published to-day. The Prince is given an annual salary of 150,000 taels (about \$105,000), and is made commander-in-chief of both the land and sea forces of the Empire. The edict provides also that a palace be built for him near the site of the Dowager's winter residence.

CEYLON ENTERTAINS AMERICAN ARMADA

Admiral Sperry is Given Good Reception in British De- pendency.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—Rear-Admiral Sperry landed to-day from the battleship Connecticut to pay his official visit to Sir Henry Edward MacCallum, the governor of Ceylon. A guard of honor had been assembled and there was a big crowd on the waterfront composed of natives and Europeans.

The admiral was cheered as he stepped ashore. He at once inspected the guard of honor from the 9th Infantry Regiment, which was drawn up on the pier. After the ceremony the admiral, with the members of his staff, drove to the governor's residence. Later in the day the governor returned the call, and was received on board the Connecticut with the usual salutes.

During the stay of the sixteen battleships at Colombo they arrived yesterday from Manila—Admiral Sperry will be the guest of the governor, while Rear-Admiral Schroeder will be entertained by General Lawrence. The first batch of sailors, consisting of 23 bluejackets and two officers from each ship, came ashore in the morning and took a train for Kandy, the capital of Ceylon, where they will spend the day as guests of the government. There will be similar excursions each day during the stay of the fleet until all the men have thus been entertained.

LABOR'S AWFUL DEATH ROLL

OVER THIRTY THOUSAND DEAD; 2,000,000 INJURED

U. S. Statistics for 1908 Reveal Excessive List of Casualties.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths, and 2,000,000 injured in the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued to-day by the bureau of labor.

Of those employed in factories and workshops it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the workmen is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade.

MACFARLAND WINS SIX-DAY GRIND

Five Feet Separate Leaders After Desperate Finish— Record Beaten.

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 14.—Flory MacFarland, the veteran bicycle racer of California, won the sixteenth international six-day race for the team of MacFarland and Moran at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, and set a new distance record. Rutt, of the Rutt-Stoll, German-Holland team, finished second, and Demara, of the Demara-Hill combination, the former of California, the latter of Boston, was third. The final sprint of the miles was between the representatives of these three teams, which were on equal terms as to distance covered, the others withdrawing to give them a clear track. The three teams that took part in the final dash covered 2,737 miles, 1 lap, in 148 hours, which is three miles, seven laps ahead of the record set by Miller and Waller in 1899.

Following is the standing of the eight teams that finished the race, in the order named:

MacFarland-Moran, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; Rutt-Stoll, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; Hill-Demara, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; Walther-Rutt, 2,737 miles; Collins-Mitten, 2,736 miles, 9 laps; Galvin-Wiley, 2,736 miles, 8 laps; Anderson-Vanonia, 2,736 miles, 4 laps; Palmer-Drobach, 2,123 miles, 4 laps.

The former record was 2,733 miles, 4 laps.

EFFORTS TO HUSH UP STEINHEIL TRAGEDY

Influential Parisians Said to Be Mixed Up in Murder Mystery.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Another startling political crime is being covered up to prevent the exposure of influential citizens.

This is the opinion of a majority of those who have followed the investigation of Madame Steinheil, who is suspected of being involved in the plot that resulted in the murder of her husband and mother on the night of May 31st.

The threatened collapse of the investigation that Magistrate Andre has been conducting for two weeks, just at the time when it seemed that it would bear abundant fruit, has convinced most Parisians that powerful influences have intervened to check the prosecution and that justice will be thwarted in the attempt to solve another of France's political murders.

It is asserted by many of those who know the "inside history" of the ineffectual room in the Palace of Justice that Andre did not follow up a number of splendid "leads" that he obtained in the early examinations of Mme. Steinheil, which at one time seemed would result in a complete breakdown of the star witness.

The "reconstruction of the crime," a test that is usually applied in cases of such importance, was not resorted to with Mme. Steinheil. The public is convinced that had the double murder been re-examined before Mme. Steinheil during her highly nervous state the whole truth of the crime would have come out.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

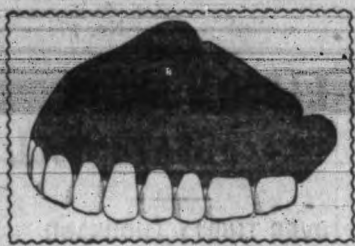
Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 14.—George Hinds, of Creemore, was killed at the O'Brien mine by dynamite which exploded through the hear of his hands. He leaves a wife and family.

BULL-FIGHTING TRAGEDY.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—Rodolfo Gomez

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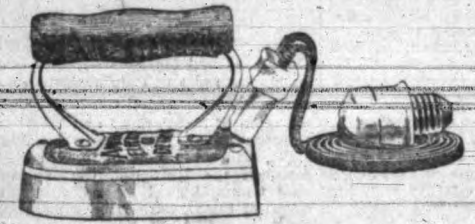
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FLOUR, Calgary, per sack \$1.75	SHELLED WALNUTS, per lb. 40c
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COCOA, Van Mouten's, 1 lb. tin. 50c.	CURRENTS, Cleaned, 3 lbs. for. 25c
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TEA, Ram Lal's Pure Blue Label, per lb. 30c	RAISINS, Seedless, Victoria, 10-lb. pail. 25c
Gold Label, 20c. per 1 lb. tin; 3-lb. tin, 1 lb. 5-lb. tin. \$2.25	TABLE RAISINS, Malaga, per lb. 15c
FRESH OLYMPIA OYSTERS, jar per lb. 25c and 30c	MALTA VITA, per pail. 30c
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stock, from the magnificent Morris chair to the artistic occasional chair. Remember that if you buy now your goods will be held until you wish delivery; therefore the wise buyers are now on the ground doing their shopping with comfort and ease. Be one of them! Go to-morrow for that Xmas present, and get a chance of winning one for yourself at the same time while \$250 worth of beautiful presents are being given away. If you ever had a chance, now is your time to get

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**COMMITTED FOR TRIAL
ON STABBING CHARGE**

Martin Hauptcorn Will Have to Appear in Higher Court.

Martin Hauptcorn was this morning committed for trial at the assizes on a charge of stabbing a fellow Roumanian, Eli Holo. Through his lawyer, W. C. Moreby, he reserved his defence.

City Prosecutor Moore, before hearing of the case, pointed out to Magistrate Jay that the injured man had disappeared after leaving St. Joseph's hospital. The police were not notified that the man was leaving the hospital, although it was known there that he was needed as a witness. It was not the first time that had happened, and the police authorities thought that the hospitals should let them have notice in such cases.

Alexander McLean, who is lately back from a sailing cruise and is living at the Colonial hotel, was an eye-witness of the stabbing. He was standing back from the bar and saw Hauptcorn come out from the rear and pass a group of men who were talking at the bar. Hauptcorn turned back, put his right hand in his trouser's pocket and drew out a knife, with which he stabbed one of the group in the back. The injured man was taken away by his friends and the assailant went out by the front door.

Joseph Bennett was on the scene earlier than McLean and saw some quarrelling between the men. He saw Hauptcorn take a knife from his left trousers pocket and transfer it to his right pocket, and a few minutes later saw him make a lunge at the wounded man.

John Quateles, who is a cousin of Eli Holo's, said there had been trouble between the accused and Holo. He saw Hauptcorn make a punch at Holo, but saw no knife, and afterwards saw Holo's wound.

William E. Dauby and Ernest Ferguson, manager of the Colonial hotel, gave corroborative evidence as to the stabbing of Holo by Hauptcorn.

The magistrate thought there was sufficient evidence to warrant committing the accused for trial.

Alex. Vied, with whom some of the witnesses said Hauptcorn had an altercation previous to his assault on Holo, will come up to-morrow morning for trial on a charge of being mixed up in the affray and drawing a knife.

Cecil Rhodes' Work.

Address to Be Given by Rev. Tremayne Dunstan This Evening.

This evening Rev. Tremayne Dunstan, formerly of Australia, but now at West Seattle, will give his lecture on "Cecil Rhodes, the Empire Builder, by One Who Knows." In the First Congregational church, Rev. Dunstan lived in South Africa and had the opportunity of studying the great Empire builder at first hand. His lecture should therefore be a most interesting one. All are cordially invited to attend the lecture.

The death occurred this morning of Joseph Russell at the age of 42 years. He has been in ill health for about four years, his death taking place at the Jubilee hospital. Mr. Russell was a native of Austria. The deceased leaves a wife and one child. He was well known in Victoria, where for a number of years he had followed the occupation of clear-maker. He was prominent in the local Eagle's lodge and the funeral will take place on Wednesday evening from the Eagle hall to the Seattle boat. The body will be sent to Seattle, where it will be cremated.

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HOLLAND TO SEIZE VENEZUELAN VESSELS

Peremptory Order From Cruiser Gelderland—Republic in State of Defence.

Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, Dec. 13, via Port of Spain, Dec. 14.—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast-guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland last Saturday became known in Caracas this morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the Plaza Bolivar and demonstrated in support of the government. A decree issued by Acting President Gomez places the republic in a state of defence.

The captain of the Alexis who came ashore at Puerto Cabello has sent up to Caracas the communication handed to him by the Dutch officer who came on board from the Gelderland. This note is as follows:

"On board the cruiser Gelderland, December 12th, her Majesty the Queen of Holland has given orders for her warships temporarily to sequester and embargo all Venezuelan government vessels. This is a retaliatory measure. We demand that you lower your flag and surrender your ship and your persons to the commander of the Gelderland. All resistance will be useless. If you resist, the result will be the loss of your vessel and death to many of you. (Signed) Second Lieutenant Boinar."

Acting President Gomez issued a decree to-day in which he relates the capture of the Alexis, after which he declares: "I consider these acts a true invasion of Venezuelan territory and an aggression against the Venezuelan government. They constitute a grave offence. The national sovereignty is threatened and the territorial integrity, honor and dignity of the fatherland is in danger. I decree the nation in a state of defence, and consequently the executive assumes and will exercise the extraordinary faculties conferred upon him by section 53 of article 1 of the Venezuelan constitution."

A previous dispatch in which the name of the seized vessel is given as Alexis appears on page 1.

STIFFENED SEDITION WITH A FIRM HAND

Bengal Leader Arrested by British Officials—Editor Transported.

Calcutta, Dec. 14.—Great excitement prevails here owing to developments in the agitation against the government. The most prominent Bengal leader in Eastern Bengal, Dutta, was arrested on Saturday and conveyed to an unknown destination. Another prominent nationalist leader, Mitra, editor of the *Sainik*, has been arrested at Calcutta, while the editor of another native paper has been sentenced to transportation on the charge of sedition.

INTER-IMPERIAL CABLE QUESTION

London, Dec. 14.—The question of the reduction of cable rates between Great Britain and Canada will be taken up in earnest early next spring, when accredited representatives of the governments of the two countries will meet and canvas the subject thoroughly. Mr. Lemieux, the Canadian postmaster-general, who is now on his way home, devoted much of his time in London to this matter. He is of the opinion that a rate of ten cents a word is feasible.

BOMB EXPLODES IN BALL-ROOM BUILDING

Dancers Escape Death—Revenge Supposed to Have Inspired Act.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—That no one was killed last night by the explosion in the store room of the Coliseum, in which the First Ward Democratic hall was held, was asserted by the police to-day following a thorough examination. They also say that the evidence discovered to-day indicates that the explosion was directed against the Coliseum and hall, which reformers have attacked verbally, and against Francis Vaughn, a junk dealer, who has a contract for the decorations which are discarded after each ball. He formerly had a room adjoining the store room, and expressed the opinion that the bomb was directed at him by business rivals, as were two fires which in former times took place in his store.

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BUILDING PERMITS IN SOUTH SAANICH

Council Passes Necessary By-Law—Other Business Transacted.

At a meeting of the municipal council of South Saanich, held on Saturday afternoon, the by-law to prohibit shooting within the bounds of the municipality was finally passed, and hunters are now deterred from going after game in that district, just as they are in Oak Bay.

The building by-law was also put through. Hereafter those who desire to put up any sort of structure must file their plans and specifications and take out a permit, the same as in the city. Swinerton & Oddy wrote the council respecting the laying of mains, sewers and cement walks on the local improvement plan. The secretary was instructed to hold an afternoon tea and sale of work, candy, flowers, etc., at the Rectory, Quebec street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 3 p. m. Admission free.

PERSONAL.
On Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. F. T. Bullen, Esquimalt road, was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge party. The reception rooms were tastefully decorated with quantities of beautiful chrysanthemums and carnations. The pretty prizes were won by Mrs. Arthur Jones and Mrs. T. F. Gore. Among those present were: Mrs. Frank Barnard, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Gaudin, Mr. Berkeley, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. C. K. Ker, Mrs. Helmerman, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. T. F. Gore, Mrs. J. Harvey, Mrs. Blackwood and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrybrow, of 150 Pembroke street, leave to-night for California, where they will spend the holiday season with relatives.

Hans Helgeson, of Metcosh, who spent the week end in the city, returned home last night.

Miss M. Douglas, of Oakhurst farm, Saanich, is spending a few days in the city.

The death occurred this morning at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Herbert Wellington Walker. Deceased was a native of Victoria and was 24 years of age. He has been ill for about six weeks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Walker and besides his parents is survived by three sisters. He was a stenographer. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

David Deppart, who is wanted in South Vancouver on a charge of setting fire to his house, was arrested yesterday by the provincial police on the request of the Vancouver chief of police. A constable from Vancouver took him back on last night's boat.

DIED.
RUSSELL.—At the Royal Jubilee hospital, on Dec. 13th, Joseph Russell, a native of Austria, aged 42 years.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday evening, the 15th, at 8 p. m., from "Gables" to the Sound boat.

WALKER.—On the 14th inst., at Jubilee hospital, Herbert Wellington, only son of O. L. and E. J. Walker, of Nanaimo, and beloved grandson of Mrs. J. Bullen, aged 24 years and 3 days.

Funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 15th, at 2.30 p. m., from 925 Frederick street.

Friends please accept this intimation.

CROFT.—In this city, on the 12th inst., after a long and painful illness, Robert Croft, a native of Kirby Lonsdale, Westmoreland, England, aged 20 years.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1255 Blenheim ave., on Tuesday afternoon, the 15th inst., at 2.30 o'clock.

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THE LADIES OF ST. JAMES' GUILD will hold an afternoon tea and sale of work, candy, flowers, etc., at the Rectory, Quebec street, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 3 p. m. Admission free.

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W. H. CRAIG, Pound Keeper.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Robert Patterson and family take this means of thanking Mr. West Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and friends, for sympathy shown in their recent bereavement, and also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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PARIS NEWSPAPERMAN ON PANAMA SCANDAL

Says: United States Bought
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Citizens.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Prominent men in Paris who figured in the Panama canal deal smiled when they were shown President Roosevelt's strong and unequivocal statements denying the report that certain Americans got a "rake-off" from the sale of the Panama canal.

"I do not care to have myself enrolled in the American club," said one of the best known newspaper owners of Paris, "and therefore I do not care to be quoted, but I know a thing or two about the subject under discussion."

"President Roosevelt is doubtless perfectly sincere, but at the same time he does not know the details, nor would he be likely to. In fact, they are not particularly the president's business. I am willing to repeat and can prove, if necessary, that the United States bought the canal from a group of its own citizens, who, through clever maneuvering acquired either the canal outright or the privilege of selling it at any figure not below a certain sum. There are at least a score of persons in Paris who know this."

CARRIE NATION EJECTED FROM SCOTTISH PUBS

Accosts Clergyman Whom She
Meets Smoking a
Cigarette.

London, Dec. 14.—"All nations are welcome here except Carrie," is the legend with which the public houses of Dundee, Scotland, are now decorated. By way of enforcing the announcement two of the public house keepers threw the reformer from their premises without ceremony or tenderness.

Carrie was not dismayed by this treatment but made tracks for the next bar. En route she met a clergyman smoking a cigarette. "Take that," she exclaimed, "from your mouth," she exclaimed, but the offender bestowed a smile on her and walked on. Carrie has been shocked to find tea drinking so common in Scotland, where, indeed, an amazing quantity of the beverage is consumed at all hours. She classes tea drinking with the morphine habit and has added it to her grounds for intolerance.

MONUMENT TO OSCAR WILDE.

Anonymous Donor Gives £20,000 to Erect One in Paris.

London, Dec. 14.—Twenty thousand pounds has been given for the erection of a monument to Oscar Wilde in Pere la Chaise cemetery, Paris, by a donor who desires to remain anonymous.

An announcement to this effect was made at the complimentary dinner at the Ritz hotel to Robert Ross in recognition of his publication of Wilde's works in the face of considerable difficulty owing to the author's estate being in bankruptcy.

The large company present included Sir Martin Conway, the Duchess of Sutherland, Lord Howard de Walden, who is generally supposed to be the anonymous donor of the monument; Edmund Gosse, William Archer and H. G. Wells.

Mr. Ross, in replying to the toast of the evening, said that he had been informed in 1901 by an official of the bankruptcy court that none of Wilde's works had any literary or commercial value, but by the sales of "De Profundis" at home and abroad he had soon hoped to help pay off £4,000 of Wilde's debts.

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STRATHCONA'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail says a successor to Lord Strathcona has not yet been appointed, though it is understood the post has been offered to Sir Montagu Allan, who is not, however, asked to decide immediately.

The rose is the emblem of secrecy in Greece, and was formerly hung over the table where guests were entertained, in token that nothing heard there was to be repeated. Hence the phrase "sub rosa," and its English equivalent, "Under the rose."

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NEW THEORY OF LIFE AFTER DEATH

Soul Particles Unite After De-
cease to Form the
"Soul Body."

New York, Dec. 14.—A special London cable to the Times announces the evolving of a new theory of life after death by Fournier D'Abbe, secretary of the Dublin Society of Psychological Research. D'Abbe believes that the soul is an aggregation of "psychomeres," or soul particles, inhabiting the individual cells of the human body.

"These psychomeres," he says, "are probably opaque to ultra-violet light, and, therefore, may some day be made visible by more powerful optical means than we at present possess. They will then be weighed and measured also. Their weight will probably be found to be about one thousandth part of the weight of the human body."

After death D'Abbe's psychomeres unite to form the "soul body," and are from their nature suited to the environment of the earth's atmosphere, in which, he believes, they float. They have consciousness and power of location or energy which, as it must be derived from some source, is probably obtained from the ultra-violet rays of the human body. D'Abbe argued that, as the "soul body" subsists on sun rays, it requires no digestive organs, and has no need to struggle as a material body does for food.

CANADA'S TEN BIG MEN.

The Canadian Courier is conducting a voting competition to discover who are "Canada's Ten Greatest Men." There are no fees and no prizes. So far the leaders are: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lord Strathcona, Professor Goldwin Smith, Sir William Van Horne and Mr. William Mackenzie. Any person may vote and our readers are invited to compile their list of ten favorites and send it to the editor of The Canadian Courier, Toronto. The competition closes January first.

CORELLI MANIA.

Admirer of English Novelist Fires Off Revolver in Her Garden.

Stratford-on-Avon, Dec. 14.—An enthusiastic admirer of Marie Corelli's writings who came all the way from Birmingham to see the novelist, was arrested on Saturday as a dangerous crank. The stranger invaded Miss Corelli's garden, but being unable to obtain access to her home, he pulled out a revolver and began firing. The appearance of the police finally put an end to his activity. The man offers no explanation of his act, except that he wanted to see Miss Corelli. He has been remanded.

VON BUELOW SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Declares There Is Real Danger
in Empire's Financial
Position.

Prince Von Buelow, the German Chancellor, in a recent speech comparing British and German taxes, said:—

"In spite of our ancient history, we are the youngest among the Great Nations, at least in Western Europe. We came very late into the arena. When we did appear haste was necessary. We were forced by the very fact of our economic progress to seek colonies, to assure our young world, trade politically, to break with a purely economic European policy, to pursue a world-policy, and to provide the new Empire with a fleet strong enough to protect its coasts and its over-seas interests and trade."

"We have had to build this fleet. It was our rapid development which forced us to build it so quickly. Is it, after all, to be wondered at that our economic expansion arising from the growth of our population and of our productive power should have changed, at least among a section of the British people, their once-friendlier feeling into mistrust, or filled this section with a certain anxiety?"

"I do not regard these antagonisms as unquenchable. Time will heal or allay many of them. I see no near danger of war."

"The real great danger only lies in our financial position. We have now, in 1908, a debt of about £200,000,000, and over £100,000,000 is in prospect for the next five years. In the race of progress we have lived beyond our means."

"We shall imperil our safety—our peace—if we do not agree on the new taxation. Financial preparedness is just as important as military readiness. The government is convinced that the people's representatives will solve this problem in a manner worthy of the German people."

VOTE IN U. S. ELECTIONS.

New York, Dec. 14.—According to figures compiled by the New York Times, the vote for Taft in the recent election was 7,552,688, as compared with 7,623,468 for Roosevelt in 1904. The Democratic vote is given as 5,650,690, as against 5,977,971 four years ago. According to the table the Socialist vote was less than in 1904. Fewer votes were cast for the Prohibition candidate this fall as compared with 1904.

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PATRONAGE.

The culminating point in effrontery is probably reached in the assertion that there is no partisanship in the administration of affairs by the McBride government of British Columbia. The proof of the truth of this naive contention is said to be found in the fact that with the advent of the present government there were no dismissals of Grits from office. It would indeed have been a hard task for the government to dismiss Grit officials from the service of the province when all the circumstances of the case are considered. British Columbia has been administered by Tories, practically, for a generation, although it is true that up to the time of the formation of the McBride government party lines were not rigidly drawn. The civil service consequently reflected more or less accurately the political opinions of the members of the government, and the supporters of the government. Under the circumstances it would have been a task of considerable difficulty and of great delicacy for the Premier to have adopted the methods of Premier Whitney of Ontario and of Premier Hazen of New Brunswick and to have cleared the offices in order to make places for the personal friends and supporters of the new regime. But of such opportunities as it has had the government has taken the fullest advantage. There is no question whatever of the fact that the present government conducts its business upon strictly partisan principles. There is no province in the Dominion in which the vicious "principle" that to the victors belong the spoils is more inflexibly applied. In fact, seven-eighths of the strength of the McBride government lies in its effective distribution of patronage for the purpose of purchasing support. Every job, from the conduct of important or petty legal business in the courts to repair of roads in the rural districts is farmed out with a view to bringing advantage to the party. Nor is this indefensible practice confined now to provincial affairs. The machine is brought into active play in federal affairs also. Officials drawing handsome remuneration from the provincial government spend a great portion of their time going up and down the country canvassing and cajoling electors into supporting candidates of the Dominion Conservative party. There is no question whatever of this fact. The candidates of the Liberal party were brought unpleasantly face to face with it in the late elections in Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay. The Revelstoke Mail-Herald bears testimony to it as follows:

"John Bangs, of Fire Valley, was one of the best Liberal workers in the late campaign in Kootenay. Harry Wright went into Fire Valley with all the pap and campaign funds of the McBride government behind him and canvassed every voter, scattering around judicious promises of a fat job here, and a favor there, and a general distribution of silt McBride campaign methods. He left the valley believing all was serene and that there was another sure majority for Goodhue."

The situation therefore is that the revenues of the province, or funds which ought if honestly administered to be turned into the coffers of the province, are unscrupulously and dishonestly applied for the enhancement of the glory and the advancement of the ambitions of Premier McBride. There is no doubt whatever that that honorable gentleman has in view the prospect of some day bursting forth into splendor as a federal politician, of becoming a member of a Conservative government, possibly of being chosen the leader of such a government. If he could, by the adoption of the system outlined, deliver a solid Tory British Columbia into the hands of his federal allies, his chances of advancement would be that much the brighter. That is his supreme ambition; for that reason he has employed his tool the leader of the so-called Socialist party and the provincial resources which have been very unwisely placed at his disposition.

Mr. McBride, however, is more candid than his organ. He does not, and will not, deny that his administration is partisan nor that it is his intention to make the most of the influences in his hands for partisan purposes. The patronage list is in existence in this province in connection with every department of the public service. The Premier will admit this, and will further declare his intention to keep it in existence as long as he has any say in the matter. He confessed its existence to a Mayor of Victoria in a declaration that not even the license or the police commissioners of this city could be appointed except upon the recommendation of the members of the Legislature representing the city. The Premier thoroughly understands that it is true for trial

that seven-eighths of his power lies in the effective administration of patronage. Shear him of that and he would be in a worse position than Samson of old when shorn of his locks through the treachery of a courtesan. The organ which attempts to deny this is simply making itself ridiculous in the eyes of all who know and understand the facts. The last thing he would think of doing, or any body would think of sanctioning, either in British Columbia or elsewhere, would be the abolition of the patronage list.

The Times has already pointed out that greater cities than Victoria do not consider municipal advertising beneath them. A press dispatch says the action of the St. Paul city council in including in the new city budget a large appropriation for city advertising places the saintly city in the lead of American municipalities in recognizing advertising as a progressive agency in city development. St. Paul is one of the first American cities to make direct public appropriations for this purpose, and takes this action after a rigid investigation by a special joint committee composed of representative men from its council, ex-Mayor Robert A. Smith and Joseph Stronge, a leading merchant. The city funds will be expended under the direction of the city's advertising organization, formed a year ago by leading business men, and supported by them for a year. The city and its business men will handle the expenditure of the funds jointly, the business men supplementing the city appropriation by a like amount of money raised among themselves. The city funds will be disbursed by a commission composed of Mayor D. Lawler, President Frank J. Huber of the common council and President Frank Yorg of the assembly, with whom Comptroller Botz will act. These men have been elected directors of the Consolidated Publicity Bureau and the city money and money raised by the business men will be expended under the direction of this board of directors; the city commission passing upon amounts to be paid by the city. Practically all of the money appropriated by the city will be expended in advertising, for the purpose of building up St. Paul's manufactures, industries and population. Expenses of organization, maintenance and similar disbursements will be paid from the funds raised by the business men.

The Colonist on Sunday celebrated its Jubilee by issuing one of the largest editions ever printed in Canada, if not in the British realm. The work is not only of magnificent proportions, however. It is of great value from whatever point of view it may be regarded. It contains in condensed form the history of Vancouver Island from pioneer days as well as many special features which ought to prove a valuable advertisement for the province. The edition is a credit to all connected with its production, and exemplifies practically the wonderful progress the art of printing and engraving has made in the last fifty years.

The Dutch are taking a mean advantage of President Castro's absence from Venezuela. One of the republic's warships has been seized by Wilhelmina's fleet. The remainder will doubtless be bottled up, and the country in general may be subjected to like treatment until some one in authority acknowledges the justice of Holland's claims. The little war is not likely to prove a sanguinary affair, however. Castro's illness developed at a convenient time. He is reported to have "bottled up" sufficient fine gold to make him independent of the consequences of his high-handed acts.

King Edward has been in indifferent health for a few weeks. The announcement that His Majesty is greatly improved physically will therefore be received with thankfulness throughout his dominions. The King has taken up his gun again. That is a sure sign that he is fully recovered.

No matter what Sir Wilfrid has said about Asiatic exclusion, no matter how effectively or how imperially he has handled a dangerous question, the agitation and misrepresentation will go on while they can influence a single enlightened vote in the interests of unscrupulous politicians.

Christmas shoppers ought to consider the comfort and convenience of employees in stores by making their purchases early, thus avoiding the rush at the last moment. If that is not sufficient inducement, let them consider that the early shopper has the widest choice of goods.

PLAY THE WOMAN.

(Votes for Women.)

There are many women who are shielding themselves at the present time behind their "temperament." They are not "fighters," they say. The artistic temperament is no excuse for being a coward, though many people seem to think it is. To be a coward now is to be a traitor. Whether you are naturally a fighter or not, it behooves you at this crisis to play the woman.

In the police court to-day is going on the preliminary hearing of the charge of assaulting a Kootenay Indian laid against Jumbo, an Abenai Indian. The prosecution is being conducted by W. C. Morsey, while the accused is defended. Father Graham is acting as interpreter. The evidence being given is the same as that in the case against Charles Morsey, who was committed for trial.

To-night's 7.30 Specials

7.30 Sale of Women's Coats

\$12.50 to \$20.00 Coats for \$6.75

A quantity of WOMEN'S COATS on sale to-night. These coats are the correct style—that is, the semi-fitting style, made of tweeds and some plain cloths, in different shades and colors. These garments are splendidly tailored, some of our best makes. Regular \$12.50 to \$20 coats, to-night, 7.30 **\$6.75**

7.30 Sale of Pictures To-night

75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 Pictures, 50c

About three hundred to sell, covering all kinds of subjects; some are of the comic variety, others serious, many are reproductions of some of the world's greatest religious pictures; in fact an assortment large and varied enough to please the most particular person. This price would not buy the frames alone. Regular 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 pictures, to-night, 7.30 **50c**

7.30 To-night Sale of Boys' Books

35c HENTY BOOKS FOR 25c

HENTY BOOKS, nicely illustrated and well bound. A large number of titles, including Among the Ushay Pirates, Rajab the Juggler, Colonel Thorndyke's Secret, The Golden Canon, The Boy Knight, Sturdy and Strong, A Hidden Foe and many others. Regular prices 35c. To-night, 7.30 o'clock to-night **25c**

35c ALGER BOOKS FOR 25c

ALGER BOOKS, well bound and illustrated; a fine lot of titles, including Adrift in New York, Only An Irish Boy, Paul the Peddler, Tom the Bootblack, Tin Box, Wait and Hope, Jed the Poorhouse Boy, and many others. Regular price 35c. To-night, 7.30 to-night **25c**

7.30 Sales on the Third Floor

Undressed Dolls

Worth up to \$2.50

Bisque Bodies, all jointed
TO-NIGHT, 7.30 P. M., **\$1.00**

Kindergarden Sets for Girls

Pieces of Work partly done

Worth 50c to \$1.00

TO-NIGHT, 7.30 P. M., **25c**

Furniture Values From \$6.50 to \$22.50 at \$4.90 to \$16.85 To-night

The first of our Christmas Furniture Sales at 7.30 to-night. We offer a new lot of handsome Music Cabinets, the very latest designs, just to hand for Christmas trade. These cabinets are offered at substantial price concessions. They are particularly suitable for gifts, being new and handsome. The styles are as follows: Nothing makes a nicer gift than a good Leather Hand Bag. These bags are some of our best lines, made of the best leathers and in every way desirable goods. On sale to-night, 7.30.

COMBINATION MUSIC AND BRIC-A-BRAC CABINETS, 7.30 to-night **\$16.85**
MUSIC CABINETS with mirror in back, 7.30 to-night **\$13.75**
MUSIC CABINET, with mirror in back, 7.30 to-night **\$11.40**

OPEN MUSIC CABINETS. On sale at 7.30 to-night **\$6.90**
OPEN MUSIC CABINETS, on sale at 7.30 to-night **\$4.90**
MUSIC CABINETS, without mirror, 7.30 to-night **\$8.75**

Leather Handbags Sale To-night

\$1.50 to \$2.25 Bags for \$1.00
LEATHER HAND BAGS, black seal leather, leather lined, metal framed and inside purse; color, black. Regular \$1.50 to \$2.25. 7.30 to-night **\$1.00**

\$2.50 to \$3.50 Bags for \$1.50
LEATHER HAND BAGS, seal leather, leather lined, metal frames and inside purse; color black. Reg. \$2.50 to \$3.50. 7.30 to-night **\$1.50**

\$3.50 to \$5.00 Bags for \$2.50
LEATHER HAND BAGS, best seal leather, leather lined, metal frames, black and colors; inside purse. Reg. \$3.50 to \$5. 7.30 to-night **\$2.50**

Men's House Coats, up to \$7.50 for \$3.90

To-night a sale of HOUSE COATS for men; certainly a most timely offering as there is nothing that the average man would appreciate more for Christmas than a coat he could use for lounging about the house and for smoking. These coats are made of nice qualities of plain cloths with plaid linings; also a few designs in fancies. Regular \$6.50 to \$7.50. 7.30 to-night **\$3.90**

Women's 50c Gaiters for 15c

WOMEN'S BLACK GAITERS, seven button lengths, made of good cloth. Reg. price 50c. 7.30 to-night **15c**

Crockery To-night

Values up to 65c for 25c

The announcement of this sale should be most welcome as it provides the opportunity to buy nice inexpensive gifts. Nothing is more desirable or appreciated than china. Some particularly nice articles are included in this offering of Milk Jugs, Dessert Plates, Bread and Butter Plates, Rail Plates, Sauce Boats, Tea Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Cake Plates, Teapot Stands, Card Receivers, and other articles. Values up to 65c. 7.30 to-night **25c**

Orchestra Concert To-night EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

Fine China Attractively Priced for To-morrow Morning

CHOCOLATE SETS, \$15.75, \$11.25, \$9.75, \$6.25, \$5.50, \$4.25, \$3.50 and **\$2.25**
TEA SETS (5 o'clock) \$5.75, \$3.75, \$3.50, \$2.25 and **\$1.75**
TEA SETS (39 pieces), prices ranging from \$13.50 to **\$4.50**
CHINA DINNER SETS (100 pieces), prices ranging from \$75 to **\$15**
BON BON, prices ranging from \$2 to **25c**

CELERY TRAYS, prices ranging from \$3 to **50c**
BISCUIT JARS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to **75c**
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SALAD BOWLS, prices range from \$5.75 to **25c**
FANCY FERN POTS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to **75c**
PUFF BOXES, prices ranging from \$1.25 to **50c**
BERRY SETS, prices ranging from \$9.50 to **85c**

MAYONNAISE DISHES, prices ranging from \$1.75 to **75c**
BREAKFAST CUPS AND SAUCERS, prices ranging from \$2 to **50c**
TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to **25c**
ALMOND DISHES, prices ranging from 75c to **15c**
ARTISTIC VASES, prices ranging from \$7.50 to **50c**

To-morrow Morning Specials

Holiday Furniture at Special Prices

A gathering together of all Leather Furniture, Easy Chairs, Couches, etc., and marked at special prices for selling to-morrow. These are good furniture gifts for those who naturally want the best value obtainable. We have just unpacked a car of novelty pieces, and besides these we will place on sale all pieces of leather upholstered furniture. Visit the Furniture Store to-morrow morning. It will be worth while.

Men's Dressing Gowns, \$3.75

MEN'S DRESSING GOWNS and BATH ROBES, made of the best quality of Velour Flannelette in very attractive designs and colorings. It would be hard indeed to over-estimate the comfort and usefulness of one of these garments. Every man should have one. They make a splendid Christmas present, and to-morrow we make it easy for you to buy one. These gowns and bath robes are a special offering for to-morrow at **\$3.75**

Children's Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

DRESSING GOWNS WORTH \$2.25, TO-MORROW, \$1.25
CHILDREN'S DRESSING GOWNS or BATH ROBES, made of heavy Velour Flannelette, in shades of pink, blue and red, in very attractive designs. These gowns are trimmed with cashmere of contrasting colors, and made just like the same garments are for adults. Very nice for Christmas gifts. Reg. \$2.25. Special to-morrow morning at **\$1.25**

DRESSING GOWNS WORTH \$3.50, TO-MORROW, \$2.90
THESE GOWNS are made on the regulation model, being exact copies of the kinds worn by adults, and are finished with girdles. They are made of extra heavy Velour Flannelettes in shades of red, pink and light blue, the designs being very attractive. The sizes range from four years to sixteen years. Certainly an ideal gift for a girl of any age. Reg. value \$3.50. Special to-morrow morning **\$2.90**

Jardiniere Stands at \$1.00

A fine lot of JARDINIERE STANDS on sale to-morrow morning. A very attractive lot of stands, about forty in the lot. The values range from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and as a Christmas special we will sell them, while they last, to-morrow morning at **\$1.00**

Women's Handkerchiefs 12½c

WOMEN'S UNLAUNDERED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with initials, made of the best Irish linen, but unlaundered just as they come from the maker. You get the best quality and save a lot on the price by buying them this way. Special for to-morrow morning 2 for **25c**

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DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, border all round, size 2 x 2½ and 2 x 3 yards, one dozen Napkins to match, per set, special **\$11.50**
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DOUBLE SATIN DAMASK PATTERN CLOTHS, size 2 x 3 yards, one dozen 27 inch Napkins to match. Special, per set **\$22.00**
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—Heavy bark wood, cut 12 inches for grate and heater. Cameron Lumber Company, Ltd. Phone 519.

—To Seattle 25c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p. m.

—For the Baby.—Knitted wool jackets 50c, vests 20c, gaiters 20c, booties 15c up, infanties and mitts 10c up, bibs 10c, silk embroidered bibs 50c, also hosiery and underwear at most moderate prices.—Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates Street.

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—To Seattle 25c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p. m.

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—Three hundred copies of the last edition of "The Mystic Spring," the work of D. W. Higgins, have just been received and are now on sale.

—The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held in the city hall on Wednesday next at 8 p. m. The Mayor will preside.

—This evening St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Society will hold its monthly social. The programme for this evening is being kept a secret and is called a "surprise social." There will be games and music, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

—S. Baxter, inspector of boilers, has returned from Ladysmith and Nainaimo where he has been inspecting the Tyee smelter and other steam plants for the past week. Mr. Baxter will leave tomorrow for Duncan, Westholm and other points along the line.

—Rev. Dr. MacKay, the principal of Westminster hall, Vancouver, the theological college of the Presbyterian church in British Columbia, is making an extensive tour of the interior for the purpose of collecting funds for the support and maintenance of this institution.

—The regular monthly concert and dance of the St. Andrew's Society will be held to-morrow evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. A good programme has been prepared and Miss Thain's orchestra will supply the music. Following is the programme of dances: Grand March and Circassian Circle, waltz, jancers, two step, Highland schottische, minuet, quadrilles, waltz, Scotch reel, two step, patronella, waltz, jancers, Highland schottische, waltz.

—The regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Society of the First Baptist church will be held this evening in the Victoria hall, Blanchard street. The reception of the nominating committee's reports and the election of officers for the ensuing six months will be the chief business. All young people are invited to be present.

PANTAGES GREAT BILL

This Week the Management Has a List of Star Attractions.

La Loie Helene, the Salome dancer, in the dramatic production "A Vision of Salome," is the feature at Pantages' theatre this week. Gorgeous stage settings are used in the act and a full house is expected at every performance. The management has not, however, confined the entertainment to this feature, but has star attractions in addition to it.

To music-lovers the appearance of the Seven Hawaiian and Francisca Marrero should be delightful. Marrero, the violinist, is said to be equal to many whose names are displayed as world-famed artists at high prices. The Hawaiians produce a class of music peculiar to their native islands. McCune and Grant, the horizontal bar and ground acrobats, who also do singing and dancing acts, are good attractions, giving variety to the entertainment. The illustrated song "Rainbow," and another double set of funny moving pictures on the biograph complete a bill which has never been equalled at this theatre.

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SEATTLE TEAM PLAYS VICTORIA TO A DRAW

Local Soccer Eleven Out of Running—Seattle Beaten by Ladysmith.

Pacific Coast League.

Vancouver	P. W. L. D. Pts.
Vancouver	5 4 2 0 8
Nanaimo	5 3 2 0 6
Ladysmith	6 3 2 0 6
Victoria	6 2 3 1 5
Seattle	7 2 4 1 5

Victoria representative soccer team with three goals tucked away, and no score registered for their opponents, went to sleep at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon for ten minutes in the last half, and allowed Seattle to come with a surprise and score three splendid goals and make a draw of the game, by which the Victoria team, however, had a chance of gaining the Pacific Coast league championship this year.

The form of the Victorian team during the last half disappointed the supporters who lined the ground. The players were caught napping. Thinking the game was well in hand and already won they got loose, and dawdled to play out time. They were surprised when Hendry, for Seattle, shot past Beany and recorded the first goal.

The opening of their score put more life into Seattle and they came with a run and began to use the system, which had been noticeable throughout the afternoon, to the utmost advantage, with the result that the Victoria defence was kept working. Hendry, however, put in a speedy shot from the left of the goal, and the ball passed three Victoria men in a row and registered the second goal for Seattle. Victoria rubbed its eyes but the process was slow for Hendry passed the ball out to Adams, who centred where the goal was and the latter did the needful, making the score three goals all.

The finish of the game was a tremendous pace, Victoria attacking. At the call of time Archer, defending goal for Seattle, was about the busiest man on the ground. It was anybody's game till the whistle blew.

The first half of the game Victoria held Seattle down any way they wanted, scoring two goals to nil without error. But, in a speedy shot from the left of the goal, and the ball passed three Victoria men in a row and registered the second goal for Seattle. Victoria rubbed its eyes but the process was slow for Hendry passed the ball out to Adams, who centred where the goal was and the latter did the needful, making the score three goals all.

For Victoria Buxton and Thomas played a fine combination on the forward line and the other players were bright in the first half, but in the second half the backs went down. Elton and Pettitrew, however, played good soccer, but the inertia of the team in the second half for a few moments, lost them the game. With three goals in their favor and the visitors losing ground at every moment, lured the local team into a false security in which the spectators shared. The players got careless making half-hearted attempts, and this lost them their chance in the Pacific coast premiership this year. The teams follow:

Seattle	Goal.	Victoria
Archer	Goal.	Beany
Boyle	Backs.	Lorimer
Hendry	Backs.	Dunn
Stewart	Half.	Forrest
Martin	Half.	Elton
Upton	Half.	Pettitrew
McDonald	Forwards.	Tait
Adams	Forwards.	Sheriff
Pearson	Forwards.	Sedger
Stalker	Forwards.	Thomas
Cornthwaite	Forwards.	Buxton

Seattle Beaten at Ladysmith.

Seattle, after drawing with Victoria, went to Ladysmith and played the P. C. L. team there yesterday, hoping to take the Ladysmith men into camp on their travels. The Ladysmith team, however, played up to their old form, and came away winners by a goal. The final score was Ladysmith, 3; Seattle, 2, and with it departed Seattle's chance of getting to the top place.

ATHLETICS.

VICTORIA WEST MEETING.

The Victoria West athletic club will meet to-morrow night at the club rooms, Victoria West, to transact important business. All new members are requested to be present. The business will commence at 8 o'clock.

MELVIN SHEPPARD WINS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Melvin Sheppard won the 300-metre handicap race here on Saturday night from C. J. Bacon, also of the Irish-American Athletic Club, of New York. Bacon had a handicap of ten yards. Sheppard won in a sprint in 2:00 2-5.

Harry E. Porter, the world's champion running high jumper, won his

match with Charles J. Bacon. He allowed Bacon two inches. Porter jumped 5 feet 10 inches, beating Bacon by four inches.

HOCKEY ELEVEN BEATEN IN VANCOUVER

Five Shots Hit Goal Post During First Half of Game.

The Victoria hockey team went to Vancouver on Saturday and were beaten by two goals to nil. They returned home, however, not discouraged, but with the private opinion that they played somewhat the better game, although the score was against them at the finish. The game was lost to Victoria in the first half when there was not a score registered by either side, but the Victoria forwards hit the goal post five times in rapid succession with good clean shots. The luck, however, was against them, and the hoodoo that settled on the soccer team here and upset the calculations of the High school boys and girls on Saturday was with the hockey men who held Vancouver down till within ten minutes of time, when a long shot from the back line was taken by Barwick from Swayne, and sent through. The second goal followed in quick time, and the score remained the same till the call of time.

The Victoria players are satisfied with the work of the team, although they lost and all the men on it played a hard and fast game. Clearhine being especially prominent.

Montgomery took the draw for Victoria, passing the backs, when Stevens relieved for Vancouver. Victoria took a corner, resulting in a close shot on the Vancouver goal. The Vancouver backs relieving, Bayfield got a shot on the Victoria goal, but Lort saved. The ball travelled around Victoria goal and the latter did the needful, making the score three goals all.

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WINTERTON TO BRING POLO TEAM TO CANADA

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The Earl of Winterton has written the secretary of the Winnipeg Polo club that he will bring out a British team next year. The ponies will be shipped direct from England to Winnipeg, where a series of games will be played. After the Winnipeg series the team will likely visit various Alberta towns having polo teams, and from there will go to British Columbia, returning through the States, where games will also be played.

Earl Winterton has the distinction of being the youngest member of the British House of parliament, being barely 22 years of age. He is now off to South Africa to hunt big game as he says he understands there will be something doing on that continent next spring as far as big game is concerned.

The cities of Europe having the lightest death rate are Stockholm, Christiania, Berlin and London.

HIGH SCHOOL BEATEN IN BASKETBALL GAME

Vancouver Five Captures Third Thompson Cup for Year.

Vancouver High school basketball five, completed the Thompson cup games Saturday night by winning the basketball cup at the Assembly rink, by one point. The score was at the close of the game, Vancouver 15, Victoria 14, and the three Thompson cups all go to Vancouver.

The narrow margin in the score of the basketball game might have been overtaken and passed by the local boys, had they been able to shoot for goal. In the final half they had two free shots for goal and lamentably fell down on both.

The winners scored fifteen points in the first half of the game to the local school's seven. After the change the Victoria boys held the visitors down and commenced to overhaul their lead point by point, till the excitement became intense and the scores were within a point of one another. The failure to score from the free shots, however, falsified Victoria's chance of retaining one of the Thompson cups. John Donaldson refereed the game. The teams were:

Vancouver H. C.—Guards, Tembrock and Anderson; centre, Smith (L); forwards, Smith (C) and Baldwin.

Victoria H. C.—Guards, Shopland and Pike; centre, Johnson; forwards, Spencer and Willisford.

WALLABIES CHANT WEIRD FOOTBALL CRY

Once again a strange war-cry is being chanted in England. It is that of the "Wallabies," and is, as per sample, thus: "Win nang a lan. Win nang a lan. Win nang a lan-naur. Mu i an ylang. Bu nang a lan. Bu nang a lan. Bu nang a lan-yang!"

Fearful as it looks, it sounds a good deal worse, while the gestures which accompany its delivery are terrifying; but the meaning is all right. The whole slogan, which is in the weird language used by the aborigines of Australia, may be translated: "We are pleased to meet you. May the best man win; but we'll beat you if we can."

The Maori cries are even more appalling than those raised by Canadian football players. The Maori of the Dominion nearly split the heavens, they vary their din by chanting their admiration of a favorite player, as: "Jones! Jones! Jones!"

One of the first colonial teams to use a native war-cry in England was that composed of Maoris, which some years back toured with much success in Great Britain. Before each match they massed, and exclaimed in ringing tones: "Ake! Ake! Kiat Kiat!" this was said to mean, "Be strong!"

The "All Blacks" also brought a war cry, which astonished spectators as much as their brilliant play. Here is the English version:

Leader: It is death! It is death!
Chorus: It is life! It is life!
This is the strong one, the man of the brawny tribe,
Who has come to us to cause the sun to shine.
Hurrah! Hurrah!
He has caused the sun to shine!

The Maori chant was a prelude to every match, and was never omitted or allowed to be broken off. When the New Zealanders played Blackheath, the referee blew his whistle for the start while the visitors were greeting their opponents, but the strange cry went on to the end without a break.

In the North of England, too, some unmanly spectators burst into the local slogan before the Maori chant was finished. Again, however, the visitors were untroubled.

By far the most thrilling of British football slogans are those of the Welsh, who occasionally sing patriotic songs before beginning a match. The most remarkable instance was at Cardiff, when Wales defeated the "All Blacks," who had till then carried everything before them. After the New Zealanders had chanted their war-song the Welsh team sang "Land of our Fathers," and the vast assembly of forty thousand took up the strain:

"The land of my fathers! The land of the free!"

The fervor, the union, and the volume of sound electrified the New Zealanders.

A SEA WONDER.

Captain A. G. Olsen, the other officers of the ship, and twelve passengers join in a sworn statement that on June 20th, while the steamship Livinstone was in the Gulf of Mexico, out of Galveston, a sea serpent 300 feet long was seen resting on the water not more than 10 feet from the vessel. It was dark brown in color, as large around as a flour barrel, and had a head six feet long and three feet wide. Most terrifying of all the particulars in the description of the rattles with which the serpent's tail is adorned, and which made a noise like the discharge of a Gatling gun when the sea wonder finally swam away.

The average yield of wheat per acre in the United States is 22 bushels; in England it is about 27 bushels.

LONDON COMMENT ON DORANDO'S VICTORY

No Doubt as to Superiority of Winner—"Hero of Two Continents."

The following editorial comments on the victory of Dorando over J. J. Hayes at Madison Square Garden, New York, in the recent Marathon race, appear in the London press:

Daily News: Since the arrival of Christopher Columbus no Italian has figured so prominently in the history of the United States as Dorando Pietri. The great struggle on the covered track at Madison Square Garden, run in an atmosphere densely charged with tobacco smoke, and vibrating to the yells of thousands of Italo-Americans and thousands of the partisans of Hayes, has ended in a decisive victory for the European. Dorando won by 100 yards the long race of 26 miles—a close finish for such a contest—after two hours and a half of persistent effort, during which neither man was able to shake off his adversary for a moment. So, in other surroundings, was fought to a finish the struggle that was cut short by the fiasco of the Stadium in London. The race was admirably managed, and no doubt remains as to the superiority of the victor. Such achievements as Dorando's are not to be treated lightly. Long-distance running is, in any circumstances, largely a matter of character; and this is the case of a small tradesman from an unknown town, whose sheer confidence in his own power has made him the talk of two continents. Such emergencies as that of Dorando serve to remind us of the roughness of our generalizations. If we do not count Italy among the nations that are "good at games" it is because Italy does not desire that label. The country is full of humanity as tough and enduring as the little man of Carpi, whom some quality of singularly turned thoughts of confectiory turned to thoughts of athleticism; soldiers know that no army in the world can march against the Italianas. Such incidents as this of the Madison Square Garden give a direction to the opinion of people. An Italian, in American eyes, will not seem the same after an Italian's victory over the champion of the United States.

Pall Mall Gazette: Dorando has come to his own by winning the American Marathon, and his triumph over Hayes in Madison Square last night makes all amends for his memorable disappointment at Shepherd's Bush. As events have turned out, those officious friends who helped the Italian to break the tape and disqualify himself last summer were building better than they knew. Dorando gained a commonplace victory here, he might have been "dull forgetfulness a prey" long before now. As it is, he became the hero of a dramatic hardship and the idol of public sympathy, and to crown all he has, finally, proved himself the better man. We only hope that the athletic properties of Chicago, which have gained so telling a vindication, will not become the subject of too indiscriminating a cult; it may be helpful to "going the pace," but not always upon the Stadium.

ENGLISH SOCCER RESULTS ON SATURDAY

London, Dec. 14.—The league football fixtures on Saturday afternoon resulted as follows:

First Division.
Bradford City 4, Woolwich Arsenal 1; Blackburn Rovers 0, Notts County 2; Chelsea 1, Newcastle United 2; Sunderland 0, Bristol City 2; Notts Forest 1, Preston North End 1; Aston Villa 0, Middlesbrough 3; Sheffield United 4, Manchester City 6; Hurst 2, Liverpool 1; Manchester United 4, Leicester Fosse 2; Everton 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0.

Second Division.
Barnsley 3, Bradford 1; Blackpool 3, Gainsborough Trinity 0; Chesterfield 2, Wigan 2; Glossop 1, West Bromwich Albion 2; Clapton Orient 2, Oldham Athletic 0; Derby County 2, Grimsby Town 0; Hull City 2, Fulham 0; Leeds City 5, Wolverhampton Wanderers 3; Stockport County 2, Bolton Wanderers 0; Tottenham Hotspur 4, Burnley 2.

Southern League.
Norwich City 6, Westham United 3; Watford 1, Brighton and Hove 1; Bristol Rovers 2, Crystal Palace 2; Coventry 1, Brentford 2; Southend 2, Luton 0; Millwall 4, Swindon 1; New Brompton 2, Portsmouth 3; Northampton 1, Exeter 0; Reading 2, Leyton 1; Southampton 4, Plymouth 2.

Wales beat the amateur Australian Rugby team by 9 points to 6.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LOCAL SQUAD PRACTICE.

The Rugby men divided into two teams at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon, and put in some good work in view of the return match at Vancouver next Saturday. The A team numbered fourteen men, while they had some twenty against them. The A team won comfortably and kept the second team from getting across the touch line.

BASKETBALL.

SEATTLE BEAT BELLINGHAM.

Seattle Y. M. C. A. basketball team won from Bellingham on Saturday night at Seattle by 35 to 17. The game was not up to class.

SINGING WHEN FACE TO FACE WITH DEATH

Students of human nature will find in the spectacle of the crew of the Gladiator going to their deaths with a song on their lips another proof of the fact that singing is the best outlet for human emotions in the time of great stress and fear. It was over a hundred men face to face with death; and even within a hundred and fifty yards of them, and they might have been executed had they broken ranks and dived into the sea. Instead of that, however, they stood shoulder to shoulder, singing the well known song, "God Save the Sea."

Of course the reason why human beings sing at such a moment as this is because it steadies the brain and prevents dangerous thinking. Many a time a song has saved hundreds of lives when nothing else could have done anything.

Probably the most famous incident recalls in some features the great disaster of 1852, when the troopship Birkenhead foundered in Simon's Bay, near Cape Town, says London Chat. There were 638 persons on board, including 400 men, several detachments of soldiers and women and children. Although it was quickly seen that the vast majority of those on board must perish, there was never the slightest approach to panic. At a word from their officers the troops assembled on deck as if on parade, and when the command was given to lower the boats for the women and children the soldiers sang "God Save the Queen."

not with the object of staying their own fears, but merely to cheer up the passengers as they descended into the boats.

Probably the world has never witnessed a more heroic episode than this—the passing of more than 400 heroes to a grave in the sea. Shortly after the boats got away from the doomed ship she sank, and out of a total of 638 lives only 184 were saved. England may well be proud when she can produce such men as these. They made the annals of their country richer by a story of almost superhuman courage.

A few years later discipline of the Birkenhead type saved over 300 lives, says the Providence Journal. The ship was the Sarah Sands, and she set sail from Portsmouth with 300 soldiers and a large crew. Suddenly the cargo part of which was ammunition, took fire, and it seemed impossible to overcome it. The officers, however, resolved to fight the flames, and there was no attempt to desert the ship. The troops were assembled on deck, and from time to time detachments were called upon to help in the work. The ship was burning better than the crew. The Birkenhead gained a commonplace victory here, he might have been "dull forgetfulness a prey" long before now. As it is, he became the hero of a dramatic hardship and the idol of public sympathy, and to crown all he has, finally, proved himself the better man. We only hope that the athletic properties of Chicago, which have gained so telling a vindication, will not become the subject of too indiscriminating a cult; it may be helpful to "going the pace," but not always upon the Stadium.

The wreck of the Berlin provided another instance of the power of the human voice. All through the long night, when the ill-clad passengers were fighting against the tempest and the extreme cold, a lady, who had just fulfilled an engagement at the Covent Garden Opera House, sang at intervals all.

The Sweetest Songs in her repertoire.

Nine years ago a boatload of women and children listened amid darkness to one of their number, who found in song the best solace for the dangers of the deep. They had been on the ill-fated Stella, and during their wanderings in the ever-crowded boat, helped in a direct peril, they were cheered by the high-spirited girl who sang them back to courage and hope.

On the occasion of another shipwreck, the chief distraction from the worries of brooding over death was

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produced by a clergyman who sang comic songs and accompanied himself on the piano.

It is not often anything humorous is chronicled concerning a shipwreck, but there is a story told of a certain actor who found himself in this unpleasant position. When the ship struck the rock his first thoughts inclined for prayer. But the only part of the prayer book that he knew was, "A man may not marry his grandmother," and he kept repeating this until Providence in the shape of a tug-boat arrived and took them off.

Mining disasters resemble shipwrecks in respect of the means employed to steady the nerves. Thus, when 50 men were

Buried in a Coal Mine

in the Rhoda Valley, they sang "Lead, Kindly Light," until death claimed 36 of them. Then at Hamstead, while the anxious crowds were waiting for news of brothers, sons and husbands in the pit below, they sang various hymns, including "Abide with Me," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." It was singing, singing all the way, until hope had to be abandoned and bitter tears replace the half-hopeful, half-depressing hymns.

Sentenced to Death.

It is curious how seldom men cry. Some curse, a few grin, the majority remain passive, but they all go to the scaffold resigned to their fate. It is the other way about with the judge, who generally feels more than the prisoner the terror of the moment.

The late Lord Brampton, when Mr. Justice Hawkins had the reputation of being a very hard man, yet he was more than once driven to tears when sending a man to execution.

There was a case about twelve years ago. The scene was the court house at Winchester, the time Christmas eve. Just a few minutes before midnight the judge began to pass sentence of death on the wretched creature in the dock. Strangely enough, the candles in the court began to go out, one by one, as each word dropped from the frozen lips of the presiding justice. Before the final words came, the judge was shedding bitter tears of agony, the man in the dock was smiling in defiance, the jury were weeping, and the court was in a cold-blooded manner, and in the excitement of a general engagement the most nervous of fighters recovers wonderfully.

Men win the Victoria Cross by deeds they would not accomplish had they time to think. Lord Roberts is afraid of cats, and cannot stay in the same room with one, yet he won several V. C.'s. In the old days soldiers fought to the accompaniment of battle cries, such as "St. George and Merry England," and "For God and St. Denis," to give a specimen of English and French courage cries, as they really were.

Starving to Death.

This was the puzzle set to three men and a boy, who escaped from a wreck which occurred a little over twenty years ago. There had been no opportunity to collect provisions, and as the boat was 1,600 miles from land, the quartette soon felt the pangs of hunger, and then the captain suggested that they should draw lots and kill one of their number. The horrible plan was rejected by one of the survivors, but the captain was driven insane by starvation, and one evening he murdered the boy. The body had no sooner been eaten than a German ship picked up the three men and eventually

A BROKEN-DOWN SYSTEM.
This is a condition for disease in which doctors give many names, but which few of them really understand. It is simply weakness—a break-down, as it were, of the vital forces that sustain the system. No matter what may be its causes (for they are almost countless), its symptoms are much the same: the more prominent being sleeplessness, sense of prostration or weariness, depression of spirits and want of energy for all the ordinary duties of life. Now, what does it absolutely essential in all such cases is increased vitality—vitality—

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Wholesale from Henderson Bros., Ltd., Victoria, B. C.

landed them at Liverpool. The story leaked out, and two of the men were placed on trial, found guilty, and sentenced to death. But there was no intention of carrying out the extreme sentence, and they paid for their mad act by undergoing six months' imprisonment without hard labor.

Those who have taken part in a battle have confessed that, when it got to the shouting and noise they would lose their nerves and run away. There is always an interval of cowardice in the soldier, but it is quickly overcome, and he fights grimly, unmindful of impending death. Bands were, of course, invented to raise spirits of soldiers.

Martial Music.

has done a great deal in saving campaigns. Nobody can fight in a cold-blooded manner, and in the excitement of a general engagement the most nervous of fighters recovers wonderfully.

Men win the Victoria Cross by deeds they would not accomplish had they time to think. Lord Roberts is afraid of cats, and cannot stay in the same room with one, yet he won several V. C.'s. In the old days soldiers fought to the accompaniment of battle cries, such as "St. George and Merry England," and "For God and St. Denis," to give a specimen of English and French courage cries, as they really were.

THE WEAKER SEX.

(Daily News.)

Women are called the weaker sex, but you have noticed that the wife whose word is law never has to call in the militia to enforce it.

Xmas Gifts for Men at the Semi-Ready Wardrobe

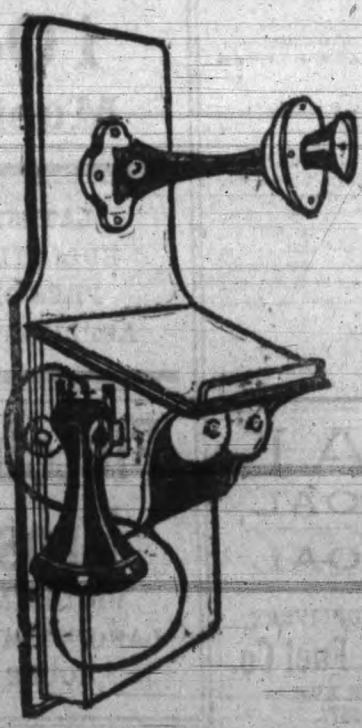
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Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—
Cleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

LOCAL WIRELESS STATION IN TOUCH WITH SITKA

Unusual Occurrence Said to Be Due to Peculiar Air Conditions.

For the first time since the establishment of the Dominion Wireless station at Gonzales Hill it was in direct communication with Sitka, Alaska, a distance of over 500 miles—on Saturday night. Messages were exchanged in a perfectly distinct manner and the occurrence is regarded as an unusual one at the station at Sitka. In one of 30 kilowatt power whereas that at Gonzales Hill is but one kilowatt. Notwithstanding this the messages sent from this end were heard perfectly distinctly at the Alaskan station.

Messages transmitted from Victoria to the Alaskan coast have necessarily to pass over Vancouver Island and are therefore subjected to the interruptions which high land is usually supposed to exercise on wireless communication. Moreover, it is supposed that the same messages would pass over the Queen Charlotte Islands, that is, presuming that they would go in a straight air line after leaving here.

Superintendent Haughton, of Gonzales Hill, explains the unusual communication on Saturday night as due to air conditions, but the exact reason of these it is impossible to tell. When the more powerful battery of 3 kilowatt is installed at Gonzales Hill it is probable that at night time it will have a radius of fully 2,000 miles and will likely be in communication with Honolulu.

DOLAURA BRINGS HOME PARTY OF HUNTERS

Hon. James Dunsmuir and Friends Have Very Good Sport.

The steam yacht Dolaura, carrying the Lieutenant-Governor and party home from a hunting trip, arrived in port on Saturday. The party which included Hon. James Dunsmuir, Major Audain, Sir Maurice Bromley Wilson, Commander Bromley, R. N., and W. F. Burton, had some splendid sport, shooting ducks and geese in the inlets opposite the north end of the island. Hardy Bay being the most northerly point visited. The bag consisted of 230 ducks and geese.

The new yacht behaved splendidly and showed herself admirably adapted for such occasions as this. The party stopped at Comox for coal both going and coming.

When in Knight's Inlet the hunters encountered ice and a boat party on one occasion had an unpleasant experience as a result. Going to shore a passage was cut through the ice, but upon their return it was found that the ice was too heavy to permit of rowing through it. They had the troublesome task to perform of cutting their way through this, a tiresome work.

ADRIFF-ON SCOW IN TERRIFIC STORM

Launch Forced to Cut Loose
and Seek Aid in Port
Townsend.

Port Townsend, Dec. 14.—After clinging to a scow all through the terrific storm of Friday night, three men were rescued by the tug Wanderer on Saturday and brought into Port Townsend so exhausted that it will be days before they will recover their strength.

The men on the scow were being towed past Marrowstone Point by the gasoline launch Swastika when the storm became so terrific that it was unable to make any progress with the tow. An effort was made to get the launch on the scow on board the launch, but this was impossible in the high seas.

The Swastika then cut loose, leaving the scow with its human burden at the mercy of the waves. The launch proceeded to Port Townsend for aid and the Wanderer was dispatched immediately, picking up the scow early this morning with the three men clinging on the flat surface for their lives.

NOT WANTED HERE

Two Immigrants Returned to Their Native Lands by Local Officials.

The immigration department had two cases of deportation last week. One of these, a Japanese who was insane, was sent home on the Tanga Maru; the other was a white woman, an American citizen. The latter was doing time in the provincial jail for stealing. It will be remembered that some time ago a man and woman who were arrested and convicted of stealing were anxious for Jailer Allen to marry them in the jail. This is the woman who has just been returned to the United States on the steamer Whatcom. The name she gave was Bertha Holloway.

CHARTER EXPIRES

Steamer Leebro No Longer in Employ of Dominion Government.

Steamer Leebro has finished her work for the Dominion government, she having been chartered from Leeming Bros. for a term of six months. She has been engaged in buoy work, and has proved a very useful craft for that purpose. It is thought that the steamer Quade will be able to handle the work for some time.

BARQUE MAGDALENE HAD TRYING TIME

Dangerously Near Coast of Vancouver Island for Three Days.

(Special to the Times.)
Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 14.—Eluding the watch off shore and of the tugboat fleet of Cape Flattery, the German barque Magdalene, Captain Trimm, arrived at Port Angeles after being in a dangerous position under the rocky shores of Vancouver Island for three days. The barque was believed to have been stranded on Vancouver Island. Mariners command highly the seamanship of the captain.

The ship was for three days reported in a dangerous position after being sighted by the observer at Tatoosh Island, and great anxiety has been felt as to her safety.

NEW JAPANESE LINER MAY CALL HERE

Fast Ship, First of Volunteer
Fleet, Leased for
Route.

The first of the Japanese volunteer fleet, the Sakura Maru, which took part in the recent naval review at Kobe, in which 10 warships were engaged, will probably come here next summer in the new steamship service to be established in August by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, in connection with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. The Sakura Maru was built by the Japanese Volunteer Association to be used as a merchant steamer in peace time and an auxiliary cruiser in war time. She will be the fastest of the line—Pacific liner—having a speed of 31 knots, and can develop 31 knots. She has been chartered by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha by the Japanese government on condition that her cost be repaid to the Japanese Association which built her. She is ready, she will run to Formosa.

THRILLING HONEYMOON EXPERIENCE AFLOAT

Schooner Carrying Captain and
His Bride Burns in Mid-
ocean.

New York, Dec. 14.—The honeymoon trip of Capt. Hudson, skipper of the Bath, Maine, schooner Henry Claussen, Jr., and his bride, last month was thrilling in the extreme, according to details received on Saturday of their experiences on board that ill-fated vessel, which, after numerous vicissitudes, was finally burned in mid-ocean. The newly married couple and the crew were finally rescued by a passing steamer and were taken to Messina, and it was from there that the account of their experiences has reached this city.

The Claussen, a three-masted schooner, was bound from Guilford, Me., to the Azores, lumber laden. When some 500 miles from St. Michael's, her port of destination, on November 19th, a hurricane began to tear away everything above decks, and for three days kept the little company of eight in terror, relieved only by Mrs. Hudson's brave singing of hymns and recitation of Bible stories.

The schooner sprung a leak, and all the food was under water. Just as it seemed that the vessel must go to pieces, a steamer was sighted. It proved to be the Snowdonia, and all were rescued in lifeboats. The crew were taken to the Snowdonia, and were rescued in lifeboats. The crew were taken to the Snowdonia, and were rescued in lifeboats.

ZINITA AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Third Mishap off Bristol Barque Before
Getting Away From English
Waters.

If the fo'c'sle superstition that misfortunes run in cycles of three is true, the troubles of the British barque Zinita ought now to be at an end. Three times the Zinita has been in trouble since she sailed from Shields, November 14th. Three days later she returned in a leaking condition. She again began voyage, but on November 27th anchored off Devon after having lost sails and been storm swept. Again she put out and a day or two ago, according to reports to the Merchants' Exchange, she put into Falmouth, looking about the sternpost on the starboard side.

The vessel is bringing general cargo for Seattle consigned to Meyer, Wilson & Co. Without question she will make extensive repairs, now before again beginning the long passage around Cape Horn.

MARIPOSA TO CARRY MAILS

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—Under authorization of the post office department mail for New Zealand and Australia will henceforth be forwarded by way of Tahiti as well as direct. This will throw the Oceanic Steamship Company into the mail contract business again, and the steamer Mariposa, which sails from San Francisco every thirty-six days will connect with the Union Steamship Company's boats at Papeete, Tahiti, and mail thus forwarded will be delivered at Wellington, New Zealand, in twenty-five days from the time of its dispatch from San Francisco. This is a saving of time over the other line of several days.

The Mariposa sails next on December 22nd, and it will be the first dispatch of mails by this route, taking the accumulation since the Lord Selkirk, which sailed from here December 8th. The Selkirk's mail will reach Wellington in twenty-eight or thirty days, while that which goes on the Mariposa will reach Wellington January 22nd.

CUTTER THETIS LOSES STEAM LAUNCH

Boat Breaks Loose From Ves- sel During Raging Storm in Straits.

(Special to the Times.)
Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 14.—A complete washout of the railroad track of the Port Townsend southern railway for a distance of a quarter of a mile from the depot southward, and the loss of a steam launch from the cutter Thetis, are the results of an exceptionally high tide and raging storm last night. When the gale was at its height the boat broke loose from the revenue cutter Thetis anchored in the harbor, and being unobserved drifted on the beach near the southern end of Madison street in a badly damaged condition.

HINDUS LEAVING

Ten Bought Tickets Within a Week at
Local Offices.

The Hindu problem is being solved to a large extent by themselves for a number of them are leaving the country voluntarily. Last week ten of the people from the Land of the Indus left for different points. Four went out on the Tanga Maru to the Orient on route home; three left for San Francisco on one of the Pacific Coast steamers, and another three have bought their tickets for the Unatilla when she goes south on Thursday evening.

NO COMPENSATION FOR SEIZED STEAMER

Echo of Russo-Japanese War
in St. Petersburg Prize
Court.

A prize court, which on Saturday gave a final hearing in the case of the British steamer Chisham, captured by the Russians in the Russo-Japanese war and later recaptured by the Japanese, rejected the appeal of the Manchester & Salford Shipping Company, the owners of the steamship, and the Standard Oil Company, the owners of the cargo, against the decision of the prize court. The latter had already refused to entertain the demand for these two by the prize court, and the amount of \$200,000 for the loss of the steamer and her cargo. The supreme prize court only allowed the Standard Oil Company the right to take legal steps to recover the cost of two hundred empty casks.

LINERS COMING

Two Steamers From Orient and One
From Antipodes Due This Week.

Three Pacific liners are expected to arrive at this port during the week. The steamer Makura, one of the new vessels of the Australian-Canadian line, will pay her first visit to the port probably to-morrow; the Suverle, of the Andrew Weir Company, is due on Wednesday, and the Empress of China is expected to arrive on Friday or Saturday. The Suverle has about 450 tons of mixed freight for this port.

MARINE NOTES

The report of Sergeant Kemball, of the lifesaving service, for the last fiscal year shows the operations of district 13, the Pacific coast. The number of disasters was seventy-eight. The number of vessels totally lost four. Number of persons involved 362. Number of persons lost, none. Number of persons rescued at stations, nine. Value of vessels, \$477,550. Value of cargoes, \$59,000. Total value of property involved, \$536,550. Value of property saved, \$302,755. Value of property lost, \$233,800.

The Northwestern Commercial Company has purchased for the Northwestern Fisheries Company, a subsidiary corporation, the American ship Benj. F. Packard, now disengaged and lying up at Eagle Harbor. The Packard is to be used as a cannery ship in Alaska the coming summer. She is 2013 tons gross and was owned by Arthur Sewall. Recently the Packard came around from the Atlantic with a cargo of coal for naval use.

REPAIRS TO THE STEAMER NORTHLAND

have been completed at the Moran yard in Seattle. The Northland ran ashore on Enterprise reef while en route to Tacoma with gypsum cargo. The steamer Jeanie, of the Alaska Coast Company's fleet, is now taking her Sitka run. The Northland is expected to leave the Sound, resuming her run about December 15th.

STEAMER TAUER LEFT FOR TACOMA

last night at 6 o'clock. She will return here at the end of the month on her way to the Orient.

British barque Grenade, now at Port Townsend, will be towed over to Chemainus to-morrow where she will load lumber for Australia.

BRITISH BARQUE HADDON HALL LEFT

for Vancouver to complete her work of discharging.

Steamer Titon was scheduled to leave Yokohama yesterday. She is due to arrive here on the 27th inst.

DESCRIPTION OF GREAT DUTCH SEAPORT

Splendid Accommodation for
Vessels at Rotterdam—27
Miles of Quays.

The river Maas practically forms one large basin as far as it runs through the territory of the port of Rotterdam. Sixty-two buoys, at which thirty-two sea-going ships can be moored, are placed from the western city limit to the Willemshaven, the distances between these buoys varying from 150 to 430 feet, and the depth of the river from twenty to twenty-eight feet at low water. Two sets of buoys, just below the Schiedams, are kept in reserve for vessels which may at the time of arrival be unable to proceed at once to their discharging berths.

The eastern end of the river beyond the Willemshaven is reserved for inland and Rhine craft.

On the right side of the river there are eight quays, the smallest 500 feet in length, thence running up to 3,150 feet. At two of these the depth of water is twenty-eight feet and at the six others from seventeen to twenty-three feet. On the same side there are twenty-two harbors, the first twelve of which have depths of water varying from five to twelve feet, used chiefly by the market and inland craft, which on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, especially, are crowded with the old type of Dutch vessels: harbors 15, 16 and 17 are used chiefly for berths of regular trade liners to all parts of the world; the five harbors 18-22, are situated at the ancient town of Delfshaven, annexed to Rotterdam in 1855, and are generally used for vessels temporarily laid up. There are four quays of varying lengths and depths of water along the Noorden Eiland, the first two for the use of vessels going east, up river, the interior ports of Holland, and down the river, west, to interior Holland. Quays 3 and 4 are for the accommodation of passenger and freight steamers for Belgium and Germany, of large Rhine craft and small sea-going vessels.

On the left side of the river there are nine quays, the first for the accommodation of Rhine craft, which usually anchor in front of this quay; the second for the regular service up the Rhine and for smaller sea-going vessels; the third and fourth for berthing regular trade liners; the fifth, sixth and seventh for the different petroleum companies, with full provision for mooring tank steamers; the ninth is a small quay for the use of the society for the Exploration of Petroleum Wells in Dutch East Indies, which has a benzene refinery thereon.

There are fourteen harbors on the left bank of the river. The fourth is a bonded warehouse harbor, in which and along its quay dutiable merchandise is manipulated and handled. The fifth constitutes the freight department of The Netherlands State Railways. The sixth, Rhine harbor, contains nine mooring posts, where fifteen large ocean ships can be berthed and discharge their cargoes into lighters and small vessels. The eighth, Maas harbor, has twenty-five mooring posts, accommodating twenty-two large sea-going steamers. A certain system has been followed in the disposal of the banks around the Maas harbor. The southwestern bank at the entrance of this harbor has been placed at the disposal of the owners of shipyards and engine shops, who thereby are enabled to carry on their business in the very heart of the shipping district. The northern bank is reserved for the construction of a walled quay, permitting the largest ocean vessels to discharge their cargoes on the quay or in railroad cars. The southern bank is reserved for the storage of heavy goods, such as lumber and coal, which in their manipulation do not require the construction of quays. The southwestern corner is occupied by the largest of the four floating iron docks owned by this city. The ninth, Dock harbor, is occupied by three smaller city dry docks. The tenth, eleventh and twelfth are occupied by the different petroleum companies for shipment of oil into the interior basin in course of construction, and when finished will cover an area of 800 acres. It is expected that it will be finished in the course of 1909.

Without taking into consideration the river and the Rhine harbor, though they practically form a large basin, the total area of harbors at Rotterdam embraces a total 515 acres, the length of quays walls is 192 miles, and quays not walled in seven miles. The Waalhaven, now in course of construction, not being included in these figures.—U. S. Consul-General Soren Lister.

SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.—Clear; light northerly wind; bar, 29.55; temp, 33; sea smooth.

Point Grey, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy; calm; bar, 29.93; temp, 32.

Tatoosh, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.—Clear; wind S. E. 8 miles; bar, 29.85; temp, 40.

Pachena, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.—Part clear; light northerly wind; bar, 29.85; temp, 34; sea smooth.

Evening, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.—Calm; clear; bar, 29.85; temp, 43; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 14, noon—Clear; light northerly breeze; bar, 29.82; temp, 35; sea smooth.

Point Grey, Dec. 14, noon—Fair; hazy; north westerly breeze; bar, 30.02; temp, 42.

Tatoosh, Dec. 14, noon—Clear; wind north, 3 miles; bar, 30.02; temp, 43.

Pachena, Dec. 14, noon—Part cloudy; light westerly breeze; bar, 29.97; temp, 40; sea smooth.

Evening, Dec. 14, noon—Cloudy; calm; bar, 30.06; temp, 29; sea smooth.

Word has been received from Tacoma of the death of Captain Penton, R. N. R., formerly in charge of the Victoria, one of the Pacific liners belonging to the Northern Pacific Steamship Company. He was well known on this coast, where he had many friends.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1908.	Time H. T.	Time H. T.	Time H. T.	Time H. T.
Date.	h. m. ft. h. m. ft. h. m. ft. h. m. ft.			
1	2:36 2.8	10:27 8.8	16:57 6.6	19:24 6.6
2	2:35 2.8	10:25 8.8	17:47 6.5	22:48 6.5
3	2:34 2.8	10:23 8.8	18:58 6.4	23:59 6.4
4	2:33 2.8	10:21 8.8	19:59 6.3	24:59 6.3
5	2:32 2.8	10:19 8.8	20:59 6.2	25:59 6.2
6	2:31 2.8	10:17 8.8	21:59 6.1	26:59 6.1
7	2:30 2.8	10:15 8.8	22:59 6.0	27:59 6.0
8	2:29 2.8	10:13 8.8	23:59 5.9	28:59 5.9
9	2:28 2.8	10:11 8.8	24:59 5.8	29:59 5.8
10	2:27 2.8	10:09 8.8	25:59 5.7	30:59 5.7
11	2:26 2.8	10:07 8.8	26:59 5.6	31:59 5.6
12	2:25 2.8	10:05 8.8	27:59 5.5	32:59 5.5
13	2:24 2.8	10:03 8.8	28:59 5.4	33:59 5.4
14	2:23 2.8	10:01 8.8	29:59 5.3	34:59 5.3
15	2:22 2.8	9:59 8.8	30:59 5.2	35:59 5.2
16	2:21 2.8	9:57 8.8	31:59 5.1	36:59 5.1
17	2:20 2.8	9:55 8.8	32:59 5.0	37:59 5.0
18	2:19 2.8	9:53 8.8	33:59 4.9	38:59 4.9
19	2:18 2.8	9:51 8.8	34:59 4.8	39:59 4.8
20	2:17 2.8	9:49 8.8	35:59 4.7	40:59 4.7
21	2:16 2.8	9:47 8.8	36:59 4.6	41:59 4.6
22	2:15 2.8	9:45 8.8	37:59 4.5	42:59 4.5
23	2:14 2.8	9:43 8.8	38:59 4.4	43:59 4.4
24	2:13 2.8	9:41 8.8	39:59 4.3	44:59 4.3
25	2:12 2.8	9:39 8.8	40:59 4.2	45:59 4.2
26	2:11 2.8	9:37 8.8	41:59 4.1	46:59 4.1
27	2:10 2.8	9:35 8.8	42:59 4.0	47:59 4.0
28	2:09 2.8	9:33 8.8	43:59 3.9	48:59 3.9
29	2:08 2.8	9:31 8.8	44:59 3.8	49:59 3.8
30	2:07 2.8	9:29 8.8	45:59 3.7	50:59 3.7
31	2:06 2.8	9:27 8.8	46:59 3.6	51:59 3.6

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. The amount in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the charts of Victoria harbor are reduced.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Vessel.	From the Orient.	Due.
Empress of China	Dec. 18	
Monteagle	Jan. 5	
From Australia.	Due.	
Makura	Dec. 15	
From Liverpool.	Due.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 16	
From Glasgow.	Due.	
Princess Charlotte	Dec. 21	
TO SAIL.		
For the Orient.		
Aki Maru	Dec. 22	
Empress of China	Jan. 6	
For Australia.		
Makura	Jan. 1	
For Mexico.		
Lonsdale	Dec. 31	
For Liverpool.		
Teucer	Dec. 31	

SAILING VESSELS

Name.	Left.	Date.	For.
Puritan	Boston.	Sept. 14.	Vancouver.

COASTWISE STEAMERS

Vessel.	From San Francisco.	Due.
Queen	Dec. 16	
From Skagway.	Due.	
Princess May	Dec. 24	
From Northern B. C. Ports.	Due.	
Queen City	Dec. 24	
Vadso	Dec. 25	
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 25	
From West Coast.	Due.	
Tees	Dec. 19	
TO SAIL.		
For San Francisco.		
Unatilla	Dec. 17	
For Skagway.		
Princess May	Dec. 14	
For Northern B. C. Ports.		
Vadso	Dec. 16	
Queen City	Dec. 27	
For West Coast.		
Tees	Dec. 20	

FERRY SERVICE

Seattle and Vancouver.
S. S. Princess Victoria leaves Victoria at midnight, arriving at Vancouver at 7:30 a. m.; returning leaves Vancouver at 1 p. m., arriving in Victoria at 4 p. m.
S. S. Princess Royal leaves Victoria for Seattle at 11:30 p. m.; returning, leaves Seattle at 8:30 a. m., arriving in Victoria at 1 p. m.
S. S. Whatcom sails daily, except Thursday, for Seattle, at 5 p. m. Arrives at Seattle, except Thursday, from Seattle at 2:30 p. m.

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B.C. COAST SERVICE

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SS. PRINCESS ROYAL

Leave Victoria 11:30 p. m. daily except Sunday; arrive Seattle 7:00 a. m. daily except Monday. Leave Seattle 8:30 a. m. daily except Monday; arrive Victoria 1 p. m. daily except Monday.

Service on Vancouver-Seattle route will be discontinued until further notice.

L. D. CHETHAM,
City Pass. Agent, 1102 Government.

H. F. BISHOP,
Ticket Agent, Wharf, Bellville St.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next Session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be named "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company," with all powers, rights and privileges necessary and expedient for the construction, equipment and operation of a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to a point on Barclay Sound near Sarita River, such railway to be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

W. H. LANGLEY,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 4 and Easterly 15 Feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3, of Suburban Lot 5, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said land, issued to Rose Campbell, on the 1st day of March, 1909, and numbered 15400.

S. Y. WOOLTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., the 11th day of November, 1908.

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IDENTITY OF AUTHOR OF "HOCH DER KAISER"

Montreal Newspaper Respon-
sible for Clever Verses Which
Caused Furore.

Since the death of Rear-Admiral
Charles Coghlan, of "Hoch der Kaiser"
fame, the newspapers of the country
have been forced by the flood of in-
quiries pouring into their offices to re-
produce the clever poem which bid fair
at the time, to disturb the international
entente cordiale. It was done in hun-
dreds of cities where the papers had
access to the original poem, but few
indeed were those who published, or
even knew who the author of the verses
was. There has been a keen interest
in the identity of the supposedly
anonymous poet as there was when
the "Breadwinners" the famous novel
of twenty years ago, first appeared.

The poem was written under peculiar
circumstances in Montreal in October,
1887. The poem as it was in the origi-
nal consisted of thirteen verses, not
eight as published throughout the
world during the last few years. The
occasion upon which the poem was
written was the Emperor William's
speech upon the "Divine Right of
Kings" and his own special mission on
earth. At that time A. M. R. Gordon,
a Scotchman by birth, and whose real
name was A. McGregor Rose, was a
member of the Montreal Herald staff.
He had been in the habit of writing
verses upon different subjects, and was
looked upon as a very bright fellow.
Indeed, the city editor, turning to him,
said:

"Give us a poem, Gordon, on the
Emperor."
In less than an hour's time he turned
out thirteen verses, which were en-
titled by him "Kaiser and Co." not "Hoch
der Kaiser." The matter was sent up
to the printer just as it was written,
and by some mistake the foreman of
the composing room picked up only
eight of the verses in type, leaving the
remaining five on the galley. The paper
went to press and Gordon, who was
very particular about his matter being
strictly correct, got one of the first
copies off the press. He at once saw
the mistake and the form was re-cast,
however, before a few hundred had
been sent to the mailing room for the
foreign mails. Thus the fact that only
eight verses were copied in the papers
which printed the poem at the time.
In the second edition it was given in
full and signed A. M. R. Gordon.

Two or three years later Gordon's
mind commenced to fail, and he was
taken by a few of his newspaper friends
to Notre Dame-hospital. For weeks he
lay as helpless as a child and unable
to recognize any one. Finally he passed
away and was buried by those who
had enjoyed his society. "After this
some inquiries were made as to who he
was, and it was found that he came
originally from Scotland, after having
quarrelled with his wife. He worked
for a short time on the New York Her-
ald, and afterward drifted all over the
country, spending several years in San
Francisco. He later drifted to Montreal
and remained there until he died.

"Hoch der Kaiser" gave him interna-
tional fame, but so far as is known it
is the only one of his writings that has
been given permanence in literature.
Several editions of the poem were
given out and hundreds of thousands of
copies of it were sold, both here and
abroad.

News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province.

PROGRESS ON G. T. P.

IS SATISFACTORY

Chief Engineer of Mountain
Division Completes Tour
of Inspection.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Dec. 11.—After finish-
ing a tour of inspection of the con-
struction work done so far on the
Grand Trunk Pacific between Prince
Rupert and Copper River, in which
they practically covered on foot every
mile of the first hundred mile contract,
C. C. Van Arsdol, chief engineer of
the mountain division, J. W. Stewart,
of Foley, Welch & Stewart, contractors,
and J. R. L. MacDonald, the firm's
superintendent, arrived here last night
on the launch Telwa which met them
at Hole-in-the-Wall, the tidewater
limit, and brought them to the city.

On the trip up every camp was visit-
ed, and although a shortage of men
was found at several of the camps, the
general progress made is reported to
be very satisfactory. The party came
down to tidewater in canoes as the
cold weather in the interior has made
the water in the Skeena so low that
no boats can now navigate higher up
than Hole-in-the-Wall.

All traffic on the river is now sus-
pended, except in canoes, which is ex-
tremely dangerous, owing to the large
amount of ice that is now running, and
the Skeena is expected to freeze over
within a few days. Fresh meat is
"poled" up stream in canoes which
draw but a few inches of water, and
when the ice forms the contractors
will be supplied with fresh beef hauled
to their camps by Contractor Morri-
son's dog trains.

TWO GOLD BRICKS

FROM MINE AT SALMO

Week's Output From South-
eastern B. C. Is Well Up to
General Average.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—Two gold bricks
were brought into Nelson from the
Queen mine at Salmo, weighing 46 lbs.
2 oz., and valued at \$16,700.

Cheering news comes from Rossland,
showing that the camp is regaining
its old time activity, with a steadily
increasing payroll. A car of ore
shipped from the Bluebird during the
week realized \$2,400 for the lessees of
the mine.

The roasting plant of the Bluebird
mine at Alnsworth has been completed.
The week's output for southeastern
British Columbia has come up to the
general average.

Boundary ore shipments for the
week were 33,054; for the year to date,
1,371,041 tons.
Rossland shipments for the week,
6,700 tons; for the year 282,049 tons.
Slocan and Kootenay shipments for
the week, 9,477 tons; for the year,
128,424 tons.

Total production for the week,
49,231 tons; for the year, 1,731,414
tons.

The total receipts at the smelters
during the week were 40,767 tons, and
for the year, 1,760,305 tons.

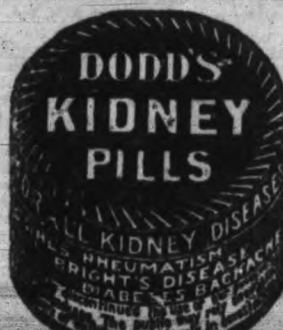
DROWNING OF J. T. MORTIMER.

Meets Death in Red River at Pem-
bina While Crossing Ice.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Local Socialists
have received further details of the
drowning of their former leader in this
city, J. T. Mortimer, who was twice
a candidate for parliament on the So-
cialist platform in Vancouver.

Mr. Mortimer was drowned in the
Red River near Pembina, Mann., on
Thursday, November 26th. He was
only about 34 years of age, and was
of British parentage, having been born
in Scotland, though his parents re-
moved to Canada while he was still
quite young. He was in the tailoring
business in Vancouver for a few years
and then removed to Winnipeg, later
taking up his home in St. Vincent,
Minn. The details of his tragic and
untimely end are given as follows:
Leaving his home at St. Vincent, on
the east side of the river, at 8 o'clock
in the evening, Mr. Mortimer attempt-
ed to cross the river on the ice to
Pembina where he intended to take
a train for Winnipeg. Not returning
home on the Saturday following as
expected, a telegram message from his
wife to friends in Winnipeg disclosed
the fact that he had not reached that
city. Search being made it was dis-
covered that he had broken through
the ice on his way across the river and
drowned. In spite of most strenuous
efforts upon the part of all concerned
the body has not yet been recovered.

A couple of Italians working in Nor-
mandy have invented a device which will
make it impossible to "tap" wireless
messages.



FIRE AT VANCOUVER

CAUSES \$50,000 LOSS

Damage Result of Smoke and
Water—Practically Cover-
ed by Insurance.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—At an early
hour this morning fire broke out in
the building occupied jointly by the
Australasian Club and F. J. Schofield,
on Cordova street west, and the con-
tents of the building, including a stock
of goods in F. J. Schofield's store
worth in the neighborhood of \$45,000,
and the fittings and furnishings of the
club, valued at about \$5,000, were en-
tirely destroyed. The fire was one that
might very easily have been the most
serious ever known in the city, as the
building is situated between the new
Spencer block and the handsome struc-
ture occupied by the Terminal City
Club and Clarke & Stuart's wholesale
store.

It is not known how the fire broke
out, but at about 20 minutes past 1
o'clock an alarm was turned in.
In the club where the fire started,
the whole furnishing of the place was
swimming in pools of blackened
water, the windows broken, and the
floors thundering water into the
wrecked rooms through the thick,
choking smoke. Owners and tenants of
buildings in the immediate vicinity be-
came alarmed even after the brigade,
No. 6, had been at work for some time,
for it looked very dangerous, so heavy
was the smoke. The fire was unique
in that the damage was not caused by
flames but by the smoke and the
water thrown in by the hose.

It is understood that the loss is
practically covered by insurance, in
both places.

DUNCAN TO HAVE

BOARD OF TRADE

Committee Is Appointed to Ar-
range Preliminary
Details.

Duncan, Dec. 12.—The meeting called
by W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., at the
council chambers for the purpose of
electing a representative to co-operate
with a committee of the Victoria board
of trade, and representatives from
other sections in exploiting the re-
sources of Vancouver Island, and also
to consider the advisability of forming
a local board of trade, was fairly well
attended.

Mr. Peterson was unanimously elected
as the representative to confer with
the special committee of the Victoria
board.

Considerable discussion then took
place as to the respective merits of a
development association and a board
of trade. Eventually it was decided to
form a local board of trade and a
committee composed of Messrs. Peterson,
Price and Campbell was appointed to
arrange the preliminary details and to
report at another meeting to be ar-
ranged later.

ADJUSTING FREIGHT RATES.

Conference Between C. P. R. Official
and Nelson Merchants Wholly
Satisfactory.

Nelson, Dec. 12.—W. B. Lanigan, C.
P. R. general freight agent at Winni-
peg, held a four-hour conference with
the president of the board of trade
and the committee representing local
merchants, this afternoon, on the re-
duction and adjustment of freight rates
on goods coming in and going out of
Nelson and territory. The conference
was private, but it is announced to-
night that a wholly satisfactory settle-
ment was arrived at, and that the new
schedule, when approved at head-
quarters, will be put in force at once.
It will mean the saving of many thou-
sands of dollars to merchants and con-
sumers.

BIG CHEQUE FOR VANCOUVER.

City Receives \$2,720 From B. C. Elec-
tric Railway as Percentage
of Earnings for Month.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A cheque for
\$2,720.19 was handed in to the city
treasurer yesterday by the B. C. Elec-
tric Railway Company, in payment of
the city's monthly percentage of the
company's earnings for November. The
cheque for November last year was
\$1,559.42. The amount received from
the company for the present year to date
is \$20,276.66, already exceeding the
civil estimate of \$20,000 for the year.
For the same eleven months last year,
the amount received was \$11,232.51, so
that these returns show a very grati-
fying increase in the amount of busi-
ness done by the company during the
year.

NELSON MAYORALTY CANDIDATE

Nelson, Dec. 12.—Three candidates
are in the field for the mayoralty:
Harold Selous, ex-alderman; Alder-
man Captain D. C. McMorris, and ex-
Mayor W. G. Gillett.

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PARTY MAROONED

ON WINDY ARM

Forced Ashore While Trying to
Cross Lake in Small
Boat.

Skagway, Dec. 12.—On Thursday J.
M. Ruffner, with his wife, five white
men and four Japanese, left Atlin in a
small boat to cross Lake Atlin on their
way to Caribou and the outside. They
had only three days' provisions. Ruffner
wired for a team to meet the
party at Squaw point, twenty-two
miles out from Caribou. The teams
started with three days' provisions,
and waited until the provisions were
exhausted, and returned to Caribou
and secured more.

They then went back to the meeting
point. Navigation on Lake Atlin
closed six weeks ago, but with the
shore ice extending far out it is still
partially open for small boats.

A searching party was being organized
when a member of the Ruffner
party arrived at Caribou and reported
the party marooned at a point called
Golden Gate. A storm compelled them
to go ashore at the end of Windy Arm.
They are reported well and await-
ing the strengthening of the ice on the
lake. Relief is being sent them, as
they are out of provisions.

Ruffner is manager of the Columbia
Gold Mining Company, operating on
North Pine creek, one of the largest
hydraulic mining propositions in the north.

NORTHCOTE LEAVES NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 14.—Lord Northcote,
the retiring governor-general of Aus-
tralia, left for England on the steamer
Arabic.

LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

Tourist Claims Damage Because of
Pitch Darkness in Spitzbergen.

Allured by advertisements, a French-
man, fond of travelling, paid \$100 to
join a personally-conducted party to
Norway and Spitzbergen, to see the
Pitch Darkness in Spitzbergen.

midnight sun. But when he got there
he was disappointed. To begin with
he had been promised spots with "curi-
ous game," such as polar bears, rein-
deer and walrus, and the traveler
had gone armed with the latest things
in weapons and ammunition, bought at
great expense. But the steamer on
which the party travelled did not, con-
trary to the advertisement, call at
various points where the curious game
was to be found. The only creatures
seen were seals, walrus, and the cap-
tain of the steamer forbade the sports-
man potting at them with his improv-
ed guns, "because the latter were too
dangerous," which was perhaps a po-
lite way of saying that the peril lay
in his marksmanship. In Spitzbergen
"ice cliffs and blue sea" were nowhere
to be seen, and, worst of all, when the
midnight sun should have made its ap-
pearance pitch dark reigned instead,
owing to the fog. In Norway the party
was shown nothing at all, and the reason
proved to be that the guide and in-
terpreter did not know a single word
of Norwegian. Although it was snow-
ing hard open carriages only were pro-
vided, and our unhappy traveller
caught cold. When he expostulated and
asked for a closed conveyance he was
told by the guide, that in Norway such
carriages were used only in fine weather,
and only open ones in winter, the
former being too heavy on snowbound
roads. At length, when the party got
back to Stockholm, civilization and
comfortable hotels, the latter were all
full because a medical congress was
being held in the town at the time, and
the entire party of excursionists had
to be accommodated in one bedroom,
the guide arranging that they should
sleep in the one bed, "turn and turn
about for one hour each." This was
the last straw for the traveller, who
had shot no curious game and seen no
midnight sun, and caught a violent
cold, and he has brought an action
against the tourist agency which ar-
ranged the expedition, claiming \$100
damages. The agency retorts that it
cannot be held responsible for fog or
a medical congress—London Tele-
graph.

CREAMERY ASSOCIATION.

Officers Are Elected at Annual Meeting
at Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 12.—At the annual meet-
ing of the Creamery Association officers
were appointed for the ensuing year as
follows:

President, G. T. Corfield; vice-presi-
dent, J. N. Evans; directors, Wm. Ba-
sett, David Alexander, F. A. Jackson,
Wm. Hurd and C. T. Gibbons.

W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., who was
present, spoke on the subject of the
creamery gathering eggs from farmers
on the same principle as the butter
business is conducted. It was pointed
out how successfully a similar scheme
has been worked in Denmark and other
places, and there is no doubt it would
give a stimulus to the egg business in
Cowichan, giving us a more stable mar-
ket and better prices.

It was left to the directors to ascer-
tain more particulars and to call a
special meeting later to consider this
question as well as that very impor-
tant one of the purchase of feed for the
patrons.

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ticing the profession of dentistry in
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CIVIC GROWTH ON SYSTEMATIC PLAN

HALIFAX PROFESSOR URGES RATIONAL POLICY

Advocates Wholesale Planting of Trees to Beautify Streets.

At the last meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, held at Sydney, Professor F. H. Sexton, director of technical education, Halifax, N. S., read the following paper on "Rational Municipal Growth."

Each of our Nova Scotia municipalities desires to grow and flourish above all things. More people make more business is the cry. Boards of trade are striving with might and main to attract new industries to their various localities and offering bonuses, free sites, free water, etc., in their endeavor to promote the individual welfare of their respective communities. Very seldom, however, do these same boards provide for the housing of proper accommodation of the additional workmen that they are insured "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The free sites are often donated from land that should properly be used as a park, playground, or river drive for the common good and happiness of all the people.

First, the municipality should have a good comprehensive plan of growth and then should grow to it.

This plan should provide for the next fifty years at least, and should have a generous provision for the conveniences and

Means of Healthful Enjoyment as well as can be foreseen by the broadest and most far-seeing citizens. It is best to get this plan made by some good civic architect, but if the money for this is not forthcoming, then the men best fitted for this duty in the community should give their best efforts for a well considered town plan.

It is all very well to say "Why consider posterity? What has posterity done for us?" but we should be but a sorry lot if many of our ancestors had not given some consideration to posterity. The first step then is the town plan.

The disposition of the streets is all-important. It is necessary to emphasize again and again that the town should not be laid out in rectangles. A great many people are surprised at this statement because they know of no other town plan.

The main buildings of a town should be grouped together near some central strategic point and there should be broad radiating avenues so that one does not have to go to a place when he can get there by going simply the third side. Everyone has noticed that almost every vacant lot has a diagonal path. Streets for the greatest public convenience should be laid out in much the same manner.

If the town is situated on a fairly level site. Otherwise the streets should follow as nearly as possible natural contours, with cross streets running diagonally to give easy grades, for if the cross streets are laid out at right angles the steepest grades prevail as is the case in the city of Halifax. The diagonal streets offer little triangular places of no avail for building lots but of greatest utility and beauty for small green parks. Needless to say that the streets should all be wide and the main thoroughfares much wider than the ordinary streets. Every street should be wide enough for a green strip between the curb and the sidewalk and in the main streets for a wide parkway and double row of trees in the centre.

The greatest obstacles to good rational street planning and land speculators, real estate agents, and building lot promoters. These people want the land all laid out for the rectangular scheme to give the maximum frontage and the greatest number of building lots. This arrangement does not produce the greatest ultimate value of the land belonging to the whole community. While it may run the land values to a high figure in a congested portion, all the outlying portions of the town are practically waste places. If the streets are laid out with some regard for the topography, they possess

Natural Charm and Beauty, and while the price per square foot is not so high in any one place, the whole value of real estate is enhanced over and above the whole value on the gridiron plan. Everyone knows that a fine house with beautiful grounds raises the value of adjacent building lots much more than if it is a squat packing box of a house set on the street line with a disgraceful backyard enclosed with a high fence.

Beautiful surroundings increase real estate values and refine the citizens. Ugliness only cheapens the whole appearance of the town and has a degrading influence on her growing men and women. The street plan is fundamental and should be based on lines of business convenience, social service, and civic art. The streets that are at present, and will be in the future, the main thoroughfares must be straight. They should provide

Direct and Easy Communication, not only north, south, east and west, but northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest. The streets should not cut through and spoil any places of natural beauty that should be kept as parks and playgrounds. All the streets which together constitute the town plan should lead the town consciously or unconsciously to realize all the possibilities of beauty given to it by Nature and all that can be bestowed upon it by municipal art.

The next most important consideration to streets is the question of providing parks, breathing places and playgrounds. (Parks are vital public utilities because in no other feature of the town plan does early neglect impose so grievous a burden of taxation.) Many cities in all the civilized world are expending enormous amounts of money yearly in expropriation of property in congested districts, simply to destroy the buildings and substitute a green lawn. It is estimated that in England alone there has been spent in late years

\$20,000,000 for destructive work alone. All this work of tearing down, and obliterating valuable property might well be avoided if a little wisdom and foresight had been displayed in the first place and a

Rational Town Plan adopted with adequate park space reserved. Usually it is the parts of a town that are least suited for building purposes that are at once the parts that are most picturesque and the most unique from a scenic standpoint.

If the gridiron system of rectangular streets is adopted throughout, then they must be carried out at any cost of grades, or hills, or hideousness and inconvenience of leaving houses that have been built upon the ground on the edge of a high embankment or in a deep hollow. In Philadelphia they extended one of their streets through a high hill that had to be removed, over a swamp that would have been a beautiful centre for a pond in a small park and destroyed the house Benjamin Franklin used to live in because it happened to be in the way. The street itself would have been more convenient, more beautiful, and less costly if it had curved more according to the natural contour.

After the land that is best adapted for the purposes of residences and commerce has been taken, there will remain the features that are the most striking and that give the town its individuality. The population will work and live and extend itself over the valleys and level lands along the lines of least resistance as the cows first struck out the street plan of Boston. The steeper hillsides and the edges of the waterways are better

Adapted for Breathing Places and recreation grounds than for any other purpose.

As these places are the cheapest because least adapted for commercial or residential usage, unless they become the most beautiful under the reservation will become the ugliest and the shabbiest with the town's growth. The little rivers will become pestilence bearers. The fragments of ponds remaining unfilled will be nuisances to all their surrounding neighborhoods while a comparatively small outlay would turn them into scenes of horticultural beauty.

The park system has a very definite and economic relation to the city plan. It provides the fresh air and happy surroundings—which are the two greatest factors for efficiency of labor and the well-being of the people. It saves the municipality large sums in trying to convert, or rather pervert, certain portions of the area to residential or commercial uses for which they are not adapted. No municipality is too small to have its park reservation, even if it is not improved until a late date.

The cities in the United States have had to pay a mighty penalty because in their prosperity they have let the progress of business and commerce outstrip their expansion has taken place without plan or forethought. Now they are recasting and replanning their whole arrangement at immense cost. The authorities have only met the problems of transit, water supply, sewers, gas, telephone and some sanitary measures without starting at the foundation and having a sane plan which to grow. Some English cities are relieving us looked-for congestion by widening old streets and putting in new ones. They have adopted measures there which are most

Advanced and Businesslike, but which could not be employed in America on account of the lack of power given to municipal authorities. In England they reason rightly that if the city is to improve a certain section, that it should profit by the improvement instead of a few land holders. Therefore they condemn more property than is actually needed for the change and sell or lease it at advanced prices after the improvement has been made. In London, they opened a thoroughfare 100 feet wide through the crowded district from Holborn to the Strand. The condemned property cost \$30,000,000. They sold a large part of the condemned property after the street had been introduced for \$22,000,000 and leased the rest for much more than would pay the interest on the remaining \$3,000,000. Thus the new street cost the city absolutely nothing, in fact, increased the city income.

These large questions are, however, future questions for our municipalities. But they do show that the time to plan a town is in the very beginning and not to let a community grow in a half-baked manner, but to start with a sane plan that shall bring to the larger centre in the future convenience, beauty and sanitation.

A thing which should be taken up immediately is the widespread planting of trees. There is nothing which makes a town as attractive and habitable as

Tree-Lined Streets.

There is a lamentable lack of trees throughout the towns and cities in Nova Scotia. Everywhere you go, the naked, desolate, forbidding street devoid of verdure greets you. If there are trees they have been mostly planted by private initiative, and present scattered broken dissimilar lines of large and small trees imperfectly cared for. The tangible results may be obtained from judicious tree-planting in ten years by planting quick-growing trees such as maples and lindens alternating with slow-growing trees like elms at such distances apart that the quick-growing ones may be removed when the others have reached a good size. When such an arrangement is followed the street will be beautified for many years, and the results will be quickly evident. It is best by far to have the streets lined with trees of uniform character by the municipal authorities than to leave private initiative to plant as it wishes. These are not only ornamental but they tend to make the community much more salubrious. The New York state board of health reported that trees were one of the greatest preventatives of infant mortality in large cities by affording protection to young children and by tending to purify the atmosphere. The trees absorb the gases from the air that are poison to the lungs. By protecting the street from the sun rays they keep the surface damp after a rain or artificial sprinkling so that the wind cannot transfer the deadly germs in the dust. There are aesthetic reasons enough to more than justify

Widespread Treeplanting, but these are the sanitary reasons which constitute an pressing addition. Trees cannot be planted to good advantage unless the houses are set back

from the curb a considerable distance, and this brings me to another important condition to be observed in rational municipal growth. There should be a building line established on every street. It is quite permissible to allow building on the street line in congested business districts where real estate values are high, business is concentrated, and the blocks are devoted to commercial purposes only. But it is unpardonable that residences for the rich or poor should be built on the street line. The man who wishes to build a large back garden as possible should be restrained by a town or city ordinance compelled to leave a green space in front of his dwelling. The town or city is conferring on him and his family the greatest advantage and benefit imaginable. By removing the dwelling from the street line the appearance of the street is increased a thousandfold and the value of the

Real Estate is Much Enhanced.

This has been proved again and again. Then, the house stands much less chance of attracting dust and its attendant germs than if it sticks its nose directly into the dirty thoroughfare. The amount of dirt with all the weary drudgery of its repeated removal by the over-worked women of the families is decreased to a surprisingly small degree.

It might seem hardly wise to go to the degree of compelling a man to build a house with an attractive exterior but it is a thing which deserves serious consideration in this Nova Scotia of ours where there is the blindest wholesale scramble to build flat-roofed, square-front dwellings, veritable "packing boxes." In Paris, no house is permitted to be erected unless it has a pleasing exterior and further it is harmonious with its associates on the street. Measures like this might seem stringent in this fine country, but it is regulations such as these that make Paris a delight for all the world and a mighty pride for all to the meanest inhabitant. I could speak of other important matters which form important bases for rational municipal growth, but I think the ones I have dealt upon are the ones that should receive consideration from our broadest minded, most wide-awake municipal authorities. I would not have anything that I am proposing expensive and serious changes to the municipalities as already existing. Far from this. What I would bring to your attention is the need for

Planning for the Future, to develop on the right lines the outlying areas of the communities that may be made things of beauty to be proud of instead of hideous places that may influence seriously the ambitions and morals of a whole people. It seems a pity when we build anew, as has been done in some colliery districts, that they should be barren of verdure, with the status of felled trees in the streets, and that they should be as ill-kept as the worst possible for a future generation to inherit. The special individual natural beauty of the location has been obliterated forever. Let us grow even faster than we are growing, but let us grow sanely and in the light of the fullest knowledge of these things.

PLAGUE FIGHTING CATS.
Salvation Army at Back of Venture in India Which is Great Success.

A few months ago a small but determined detachment of British cats sailed for India to wage war against the rats which are regarded as constituting one of the most serious features in the spreading of the plague in that country. It was the Salvation Army that made the experiment, and now the first satisfactory results have become known.

Colonel Kitching, of the army's headquarters, states that although only a comparatively small number of cats have been sent out it certainly looks as if the scheme would be a great success.

Commissioner Booth-Tucker reports that already every branch of the Salvation Army has been provided with cats, and individual members have been instructed to distribute the animals among the native population. The Inspector-general of hospitals in the Punjab has stated that the Indian government views the army's experiment with great satisfaction, though he added: "We must not rest ourselves to this. Traps and poison must be used. The rats must be fought by every means."

It is worthy of remark that in Ceylon, where the plague is unknown, cats are to be found in practically every household.

The Salvation Army is now taking steps to form cat-breeding farms throughout India.

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"FIELD MARSHAL" KITCHENER.

Commander of Indian Forces Likely to Receive High Military Rank.

London, Dec. 13.—It is understood that Lord Kitchener will be added to the rank of field marshal next year, and it is suggested that he be given the task of co-ordinating the forces of the Empire and giving them a mobilization plan to be utilized in the event of a great war.

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Twenty years ago, the loss caused annually by smoke and fog in London was computed to be more than \$2,500,000, divided as follows: Waste of fuel (25 per cent.), \$5,000,000; additional cost of laundering and wear and tear of garments, carpets and other fabrics, \$5,000,000; loss occasioned by death and illness caused by smoke \$1,000,000. To this must be added at least \$5,000,000 for the deterioration of mortar, marble, granite and other stone in buildings, cleaning and painting walls, signs and shop fronts, corrosion and perishing of metal works, cleaning windows, deterioration and restoration of paintings, engravings and books, loss of time by artists, photographers and others whose occupations require abundant daylight and damage to trees and plants. Further additions should be made for the cost of artificial light and heat made necessary by the darkness, cold and humidity caused by the construction of the sun, the cost of cleaning chimneys, etc. Finally, the smoke causes the metropolis to be shunned by the wealthy classes, and appreciably diminishes the value of real estate. Hence the total annual loss caused by smoke must be about \$20,000,000, or \$5 per capita. Mr. John Graham, who makes this compilation and estimate, appeals to every intelligent citizen of London to lessen his individual contribution to the smoke evil by every means in his power. Graham expresses the opinion that the majority of dwellings might be heated with coke or gas instead of coal, and that the smoke discharged by factories could be greatly diminished by the adoption of smoke-consuming devices that are already on the market—Scientific American.

MOUNTED NURSES READY.

The Girls Are Quite Fit to Take the Field, Says Captain.

Capt. Baker, the commanding officer of the First-Aid Mounted Nurses Yeomanry, announces that he has now a squadron of his corps prepared and ready for active service at any moment, according to a London dispatch. "The girls are quite fit to take the field," said Capt. Baker, "and they would be a valuable unit for the first-aid work in which they have been trained. I have started an active service list, and quite half the corps has joined. This means that, should war break out, and the war office decide to avail itself of the girls' nursing brigade, those who are on the active list are prepared to go anywhere in the world at twenty-four hours' notice, and work under service conditions."

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VALUABLE HORSE KILLED IN COLLISION

Furious Driving Held to Have Been Responsible for Accident

The police have not yet discovered the identity of the person whose furious driving resulted in the death of a valuable horse on Saturday night. Mrs. Charles Chislett was driving on Tointon avenue, near the brickyard, about 7 o'clock that evening when a horse and buggy, with lights and driving furiously along Douglas street, crashed into her horse. A shaft penetrated the animal's chest, killing it. The driver made no inquiry and did not stop to see what damage had been done but continued on at the same furious rate. Mrs. Chislett's vehicle was on the proper side of the road and was provided with lights. The horse was a valuable one.

The police are determined to put a stop to the practice of driving without lights, which some drivers persist in doing in spite of the by-law.

In the police court this morning a driver of a butcher's delivery wagon, was summoned for driving without a light on Saturday evening. He pleaded guilty to the charge and said he did not know there was any law requiring him to have lights.

His employer explained that the boy was new to the business.

City Prosecutor Moore pointed out that the by-law was an old one and was known, or should be known, to every merchant.

The magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 and cautioned the employer to instruct his drivers to look after their lights.

TWO-CENT PASSENGER RATE

Missouri Companies Claim They Are Unable to Do Business Profitably Under Existing Laws.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—The Missouri rate case, involving the two-cent passenger rate and the maximum freight rate was resumed before Judge Smith yesterday in the federal court to-day after a recess of four weeks. Most of the testimony so far has tended to show the alleged increased cost of doing state business over interstate and trans-state business, and has been presented with a view of upholding the claims of the roads that they are unable to do business with profit under the existing rate laws.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14.—5 a.m.—The storm area is now central over the prairie provinces and the pressure is comparatively higher on the Washington coast. Snow has fallen at Barkerville and Kamloops and rain on the Lower Mainland. Vancouver and in Western Oregon and Washington. On the Pacific slope the weather is now mostly fair and colder, and east of the Rockies it is fair and moderately cold.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate westerly winds, generally fair and cold at night.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 34; minimum, 26; wind, 2 miles S.W.; rain, .5; weather, part cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 33; minimum, 26; wind, calm; rain, .3; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 30; minimum, 20; wind, calm; snow, .4; weather, snow.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 30; minimum, 20; wind, 16 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

NEW MEAT COMPANY EXTENDING BUSINESS

Douglas Street Market Found Insufficient to Meet the Demands.

The Vancouver and Prince Rupert Meat Company, which only recently opened its first retail store in the city, has found business such as to warrant the placing of a branch in the James Bay district. This is being opened on Niagara street near the junction with Mermaid street. The object of the new store is to serve the district in which it is placed and relieve the situation in the Douglas street store.

The James Bay branch will carry a full line of every kind of meat, so that patrons may be served just as well as at the main store on Douglas street.

Work is being pushed forward on what is the central depot for the company in the city, the store on Johnson street. It will be ready for the receiving of meats by Christmas, and from that on it will be the headquarters in Victoria. The wholesale trade will be done from there, but it will also do retail business in common with the Douglas street and the James Bay branches.

Mr. Sprout, the local manager, is well satisfied with the results in Victoria, and says that Victorians have not been slow in common with citizens in other cities of the coast, to accord patronage to them. In Vancouver there are six branches, one in New Westminster and Victoria will soon have three. Some of the leading ranchers of British Columbia are members of the company, and it is from provincial ranches that the meats are obtained. To-morrow a carload of poultry will arrive in Vancouver for the Christmas trade. Victoria's complement will arrive in a few days.

FRASER LAKE SETTLERS WANT NEW WAGON ROAD

Finest Farming Country in British Columbia, Says M. McNevin.

M. McNevin, who arrived in town last week from his ranch at Fraser lake and is staying at the Dominion hotel where he will make his headquarters for the winter, says that the Fraser lake country at the present time badly requires improved transportation facilities and a new mill. The transportation facilities have been promised, to consist of a wagon road over the country from Quesnell to Fraser lake, by the government. The residents of the district, who have been expecting the road to be pushed ahead, are this winter hoping it will be completed. The construction of the road this winter means that many settlers will go in during the spring and summer, says Mr. McNevin, as where they have to use pack horses now, with the proposed road completed wagons will be able to go over the trail. There is seventy miles of road to be completed, he says, and it will pass through some of the finest fruit and farming land in British Columbia. Twenty-seven miles west of the lake is an area of five miles by twenty-five miles of first-class virgin land, heavily timbered. Mr. McNevin points out this area as one of many in the Fraser lake district that are suitable for settlement, and which are equal for the purpose to any land in the province. In the Fraser lake exhibit at the Westminster fair were specimen potatoes weighing between one and two pounds, while the other exhibits were equally high in quality. Mr. McNevin says the exhibit was brought in from the fields by Chinese in the employ of settlers. The selection was made in the ordinary way.

A sawmill is badly needed in the district, says Mr. McNevin, who considers that the pioneer in this direction at Fraser lake would reap a big profit from his outlay. The G. T. P. survey having been completed, it is expected there will be a large demand there for timbers of all kinds. Meantime the settlers require sufficient to keep a good portable mill working throughout the season.

Prospects for next year are good in Fraser lake district. The number of settlers has this year been about double. With the completion of the G. T. P. the coast market for the valley will be opened up, and what is not used for home consumption will be in demand at Prince Rupert and other points.

Local News

—John Campbell, for vagrancy, was this morning sentenced to one month in jail.

—The death occurred in Vancouver last Friday of Frederick Stoddart, son of Geo. A. Stoddart, Bellingham road. Deceased was a native of England and was 35 years of age. He was one of the cooks on the steamer Ophir.

—A meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters will be held in Sir William Wallace's hall on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Nomination and election of officers will be the principal business. Organizer Bro. Muir will install the officers.

—Sheriff Richards applied to Judge Lammman this morning for the fixing of his fees in the matter of the Methodist Missionary Society against Mrs. Roach. These were taxed and will be a charge against the defendant. The total includes the cost of eviction, cartage and storing her household effects.

—Judge Lammman handed down judgment this morning in the case of Parshall vs. National Finance Co., Ltd. Miss Parshall sues for \$381, being interest on \$31,900 between the date she agreed to sell certain property and the time the sale was finally made. There was a variation of the agreement of sale as to terms, etc., between the two dates, and the judge held that this constituted an entirely new bargain, and that the plaintiff was not entitled to the interest she claimed.

—The parks board will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30.

—An interesting lecture was delivered yesterday afternoon at the regular Sunday afternoon men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. by James Moyes, on "Fifteen Years of Missionary Work in China and Tibet." Mr. Moyes stated that the missionaries have been at work in China and on the border of Tibet for the past 15 years, but owing to the superstitious nature of the Chinese not as much good has been done as was expected. The missionaries have until lately been able to work only on the borders of Tibet, but now that it has been thrown open to the civilized world more missionaries will be required for the work. There was a good attendance at the lecture.

—The death occurred last night at St. Joseph's hospital of Mrs. Catherine Baird Hutcheson, wife of Alexander Hutcheson, of this city. The deceased has been ill only a short time. The body has been removed to the undertaking parlors of W. B. Smith. The funeral will take place from these parlors at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Campbell will conduct the service.

HON. W. S. FIELDING HONORED.

London, Dec. 14.—The Prince and Princess of Wales has invited Hon. W. S. Fielding to luncheon on Saturday.

"LOADING ENGLISHMEN."

Comment in London Globe on Emigration to Canada.

London, Dec. 14.—Commenting on the emigration to Canada, the London Globe says "it is mainly the 'Scot' who makes for Canada, because the energetic 'Scot' takes to pioneering as the Englishman takes to loafing."

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What Other People Think

BURYING THE HATCHET.

To the Editor:—Something having been written about "attacks of the editors of the Colonist and Times upon each other," the Colonist, in language that admits of easy reading between the lines, says: "We shall not say anything about our contemporary on this point." And it (Colonist) challenges "any person to cite an instance" of the truth of the accusation published. Now, I have a distinct recollection of an "instance," when the Colonist, rather flippanantly mentioned the use of the editor and owner of the Times and made use of very unfortunate language, used upon sundry occasions, which plainly may be construed into "an attack." How about your contemporary's annual interment of the "hatchet" at this festive season?

I remember, sir, when you received an invitation to one of these functions (shall I describe it as a feast of peace and goodwill? I thought it then so nice of the Colonist. But you seem to have known "one better," and I have lived to see the "one" of it also.

There are other conflicting elements when the "hatchet" might be buried more profitably "buried" and be more worthy of the trenchant pen of all ready writers in the press, as giving more direct help to all classes at this expensive season. I allude to "sellings and buyers," who might bury the terrible hatchet of "combine" for this festive season, at least, and help us all to have an unusually large plum pudding and something to follow, with a pleasant feeling for our grocers, etc. Ever remembering the first great combine between the devil, the woman and the man to steal what they had no right to, and the awful consequences!

CANDID.

DEPUTY-STATE-CONTROLLER.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—State Comptroller-elect Charles Gauss announced to-day that on January 1st he will appoint Otto Kelsey state superintendent of insurance, to be his first deputy. Mr. Gauss wrote to Superintendent Kelsey on December 7th asking him if he would accept the position, and to-day received an affirmative reply.

EVIL DEEDS OF PLUME HUNTERS.

In an article on wild life in the Murray Swamps, published in the Victorian Naturalist, A. H. E. Mathew, writes: "I have strong protest against the evil deeds of the plume hunters. 'Dead and dying egrets,' he reports of a certain spot, 'were everywhere. The plume hunters they had left behind my blood but no blood had the slaughter consisted only of the hundred or so of adult birds, but as these were the parents of three times as many fledglings, left to die of starvation, you may readily guess how I felt.'"

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COLOMBO MURDER.

Imperial Privy Council Declines to Interfere with Conviction in Dramatic Crime.

The judicial committee of the Imperial Privy Council, consisting of the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Atkinson, and Sir Arthur Wilson, has concluded the hearing of an appeal by two Cingalese ladies, named Loku Nona and Panchi Nona, and their servant boy Kallau, who had been tried and all found guilty of murdering a maid, named Cavilan, at Talabana, Ceylon, in July, 1907.

The death sentence was subsequently commuted to twenty years' rigorous imprisonment, and after leave to appeal was granted on April 1st of this year by their lordships the rigor of the punishment was again mitigated, pending the result of these proceedings.

Sir Robert Finlay, in stating the facts and the case put forward by the prosecution was that on the night of July 31st, 1907, Loku Nona, the wife of Miguel Mundalali, whose full name was Uduyama Kotalahage Doga Eugenia Hamine, was handed a club by his manservant Peregrino, and waiting for an opportunity—about eighteen years of age, on the head; that Carina fell, crying "Ammma" (mother); that Panchi Nona, a sister of Loku Nona, put her hand over Carina's mouth to stop further cries; and that Loku Nona then told a servant girl named Jane to bring a knife.

Jane then brought a knife and gave it to Loku Nona, who handed it to her sister, saying, "Cut her throat," and while Kallau put his hand over Carina's mouth, Panchi Nona, indicted a cut with the knife upon Carina's throat; that Carina then lay still, apparently dead, and that shortly afterwards her body was thrown into the sea. According to medical evidence the wound was not fatal, death being the result of concussion of the brain produced by some blunt instrument like a club.

The learned counsel submitted that the evidence of the girl Jane, who was the only witness who deposed to having seen the alleged murder, was open to very grave suspicion, because if true, she was an accomplice. Their lordships having deliberated in private, said they could only advise His Majesty that the appeal should be dismissed.

VIRTUES OF THE GANGER.

The revolting customs which prevail among pilgrims to the Ganges, including promiscuous bathing by those who are well and those who are suffering from diseases of all sorts and the drinking of water from the bathing places, make the following item from the Indian Review somewhat of a surprise.

The reputation of the water of the Ganges among the Hindu millions of India is known to all, and most of us were content to believe that in a hot and thirsty land like northern India such a magnificent river as the Ganges had many claims to be highly thought of, but it would appear as if modern science was coming to the aid of ancient tradition in maintaining a special

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Funeral Notice

The members of Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., will meet in Eagle's hall, where funeral service will be held, on Wednesday evening, December 16th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of escorting the body of our late Brother J. Russell to the Sound boat.

By order.

P. SHANDLEY, Worthy President.

Attest: J. H. HUGHES, Sec.

cial blessedness of the water of the Ganges. E. H. Hankin, in the preface to the fifth edition of his excellent pamphlet on The Cause and Prevention of Cholera, writes as follows: "Since I originally wrote this pamphlet I have discovered that the water of the Ganges and the Jumna is hostile to the growth of the cholera microbes, not only owing to the absence of food materials, but also owing to the actual presence of an antiseptic that has the power of destroying this microbe. At present I can make no suggestion as to the origin of this mysterious antiseptic."

BEGGING IN PERSIA.

Begging is a popular profession in Persia, says a writer in Blackwood's. Persians learn it young, and one's progress through the narrow streets of Teheran is everlastingly accompanied by the persistent demands of infant opportunists. For some an occasional nickel and much hard language is sufficient; for others neither largesse nor abuse will suffice. With a third class it is possible to contract for peace. A two-kran piece (equal to twenty-eight cents) paid regularly once a month will satisfy the demand upon your charity.

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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

"Yes," said he, a little grimly. "I'm not up to the mark. The fact is, I'm very much upset."
"Do sit down," Millicent urged him. "And I've come to you. I didn't want to. But I've come."
"What is it?" she questioned calmly. "Where is Norah?" He put the query with characteristic bluntness. "Norah? Isn't she with you?"
"No. And hasn't been for a fortnight."
"She hasn't been nursing you?"
"Nursing me?" He seemed at a loss. "Yes. In my illness. No, she hasn't."
"Mother and I thought that the reason she had not come over to see me was that she could not leave you. I sent her a note. But there came no reply. There was a passing shade of sisterly resentment in Millicent's tone. "But do you really mean to say you don't know where Norah is?"
"I do not."

"Mr. Crampiron! How extraordinary. Why didn't you come to us before? When did you last see her?"
"On the day of the inquest," said Crampiron.
"And she didn't say she was going anywhere?"
"Not a word. I did not care to come to you before. I was sure she was not here."

"Have you and she had any difficulty?"
"Not the slightest," said Crampiron, firmly.
Millicent reflected.

"What are you thinking about?" Crampiron demanded.
"I'm thinking about Maurice. Why has Maurice said nothing?"

"Maurice has said nothing then?"
"Not a word as to Norah. Therefore he can't be concerned about her. Therefore he must know where she is."

"I don't think Maurice knows where she is," said Crampiron.

"Why not?"
"Because I think she has broken off her engagement with him."

"Broken off her engagement! But for what reason?"

"How can I tell?" Crampiron said slowly.

"Has he hinted to you that she meant to break it off?"

Crampiron nodded.

"But Maurice would have said something to me!" Millicent protested.

"Not if she had forbidden him to."

"Ah! I came here to ask questions, not to answer them. I can't answer yours, Miss Millicent. And I don't know that I really expected answers to mine. I came—I don't know why I came. Only that there was nothing else left for me to do."

"It is a very good thing you did come," Millicent responded. "Maurice will be here at five o'clock; he telegraphed to me this morning."

Crampiron started.

"Half an hour," he murmured, glancing at a timepiece on the writing-table.

"No," she said. "That clock is a quarter of an hour slow. You can question him yourself. Oh, Mr. Crampiron—"

Crampiron agreed that she was crying. There was no sob, no abandonment; but the tears coursed one after another down the delicate cheeks.

"What are you crying for?" Crampiron queried clumsily. He would probably have known better how to treat a woman.

Millicent wiped her eyes.

"Excuse me," she said. "I'm rather unsteady with nursing mother. And I'm so disturbed about poor Norah. I can't understand it, not the least bit. I feel certain that there must be some perfectly simple explanation. And yet—"

"Yet what?"

"Maurice has been very mysterious these last few days; in fact, ever since the funeral. So has Emile. I thought it was because he was helping the police in their—"

She stopped again, and this time she hid her face in her hands.

"He has only slept here once in the whole fortnight," she said brokenly. "I haven't told mother."

Crampiron drew his upper teeth over his lower lip several times, and uttered no word.

"I think I'll go," he said at length.

At the same moment there came through the open window the sound of an approaching motor-car. Millicent sprang up, and glanced out for a second.

"Yes," she said. "It's the De Dion closed. You mustn't go, Mr. Crampiron."

She picked up the little house-telephone which stood on the table near the travelling clock, rang, and received an answering ring.

"Is that Mr. Maurice?" she inquired, her mouth at the transmitter of the telephone, her eyes on Crampiron.

"What? Oh! Well, ask him to come up to me immediately." Then to Crampiron: "Yes, it's Maurice."

Crampiron waited about uneasily. And the two waited in an apprehensive and tense silence.

Then the door opened, and Maurice came in, a motor-cap still in his hand. He saw Crampiron and drew away.

"What do you want?" he asked of Crampiron in a hard, curt, and yet an intimidated voice.

"Where's Norah?" The old man frowned the young one massively.

A pause ensued.

"Maurice, what?" Millicent began in accents of entreaty.

"Be quiet, child," Maurice abruptly silenced her. "Norah is here," he went on to Crampiron, and his tone was violent, inimical. He backed into the corridor. "Norah," he called, "come here."

And Norah, in hat, veil, and jacket, appeared like a vision in the doorway.

"It may interest you to know that we were married this morning," said Maurice, leily.

"Married! You two?" yelled Crampiron.

pause, and Norah, running to Millicent, fell into her arms.

"Well," Crampiron rasped, and every feature of his blanched face seemed to be in travail. "I congratulate you, By G—, I do!"

And he strode out.

CHAPTER X. Confession.

"Hush, hush!" whispered Millicent Courlander, soothingly.

Norah, sobbing, hung on her shoulder, her face half hidden in the calm bosom of the older girl. The sobs, difficult and dry, diminished and grew less painful, and then Millicent led Norah gently to a small sofa that projected from the wall at right angles to the fireplace, and persuaded her by gestures and mild force to lie down upon it. And Norah surrendered to the influence, extending herself in an attitude of utter weariness and nervous exhaustion, and covering her eyes with her hands.

"You mustn't give way like that," said Millicent, in a firmer tone, a tone somewhat chiding and ever so slightly inimical. She gazed at the girl's moment, as it were, satisfied that the crisis was spent, and turned to Maurice who had stood motionless since Abraham Crampiron quitted the room.

"Maurice," she began with a certain proud and courageous timidity. "Is it true? Or isn't it? Do you really mean it?"

"What? That we are married? Of course we are married!"

In an instant he had divined her subtle hostility, and he spoke defiantly. Not content with speaking defiantly, he drew from his pocket a long folded piece of paper, unfolded it, and put it with a smack on the table, open for her inspection. "There's the certificate, if you like. Two and seven it cost."

"I am sorry," said Millicent. "I don't want to be unpleasant. But we have always been sincere with each other, and we must be sincere now. I'm sorry."

"Why?" he questioned harshly.

"Why?" she repeated, controlling herself. "If you did not expect me to be so angry, why did you not tell me at all?"

Why did you say nothing to me at all? Father died scarcely more than a fortnight ago, and you go and get married! Father killed, and no one knows who killed him, and the police working everywhere, and you go and get married! It's simply inconceivable! What am I to do about mamma?"

"Tell her, of course."

"Indeed I shall not tell her."

"Why not?"

"It might kill her."

The voice was final in its judgment of what Maurice had done. It was obvious from Millicent's whole bearing that her profoundest feelings had been outraged. This girl, trained in the precepts of the nicest decorum, in whom the ideal expression the very finest English social culture, with its delicate sensitiveness to things which cannot be put into words, and its faint lack of imagination—this girl was beyond measure shocked that in her own family a marriage should have succeeded with such indecent quickness a tragic death. And it was the highest tribute to her extraordinary self-control that she remained in perfect command of her voice and her demeanour.

And Maurice, who had anticipated a hundred difficulties and anxieties, had quite failed to anticipate just this one. He, on his part, had been so influenced and moulded by the reiterated hammering of events, that he seemed to be no more the son of Lady Mary and the brother of Millicent. That in marrying at that juncture he would cruelly locate their susceptibilities had never occurred to him. But he saw it now.

"You don't know what happened," he said gloomily. "Her father actually assaulted her. And she simply had to run away. Imagine it! I found her! He had wanted her to break off the engagement! To break it off! Why? Heaven knows! Because someone had murdered father! Anyhow, I found her, and I took her, and—and—we're married. It was the only thing to be done."

"But why didn't you tell me?" Millicent persisted. "You've seen me nearly every day."

"I knew you'd got enough on your hands."

"Norah might have come here. She could have stopped with me until things were different. That would have been the proper course. I don't know what her difficulties at home were, but whatever they were, she could have come here."

"Crampiron would have found her, and taken her away."

Millicent lifted her chin. "I should like to see the man who would take from me a person who was under my protection," said she, with the tremendous pride of her mother's race.

"Well, the thing is done, and we must make the best of it. What are you going to do? Stay here? Remember I absolutely insist that mother shall not be told at present."

"Stay here?" Maurice repeated mechanically.

"Are you thinking of taking a honeymoon?" Millicent inquired, and though she had not intended it, there was a most perceptible note of satire in her voice.

Norah, on the sofa, had not stirred, had not moved a finger. She lay there as if struck by an access of emotion into immobility. Millicent glanced at her and glanced at Maurice, and then, with her face set, Millicent quitted the boudoir. She too, like Norah, was approaching the end of her physical resources. And the young married pair, in deep mourning, were left in the boudoir, and Millicent, in deep mourning, hastened along the interminable picture-lined corridor of the house, going she knew not whither. She could not seek solace with her mother. And who else remained to her? Certainly not her mother's relatives, for, except the most distant, there was none surviving; Lady Mary had outlived her

family. Her thoughts wandered to Lord Doncastle, who had naturally paid a visit of condolence, leaving thereat with an impeccable correctness and a perfect tact. Yet the souvenir of Lord Doncastle's exquisite conduct left her utterly cold.

And then, exactly as she was passing a door, a door opened, and Emile Berger came out of his room. She started, and he said:

"How you frightened me!" she exclaimed.

He smiled gently and shook hands. "I'm so sorry," he said.

"You came down with Maurice and Norah?" she asked.

"Yes."

"You've been helping Maurice?"

"Yes."

"How could you?" she passionately demanded, and burst into tears. She had done with calmness and self-control for a while.

Emile Berger gravely took her hand again, and she let it rest in his.

"I understand what you feel," he said in a low voice. "I am all sympathy with you. But when one has a friend one has a duty. Maurice decided definitely to marry in secret. He called me to help him. I helped him. What would you have? I said to myself he was perhaps wrong. But he is my friend, and he was resolved."

"Wrong!" murmured Millicent, wiping her eyes.

"Listen!" said Emile, persuasively. "There is only one thing to do. You must accept it. You must forgive. In considering Maurice's mental distress, which forced him to act so, you must forgive. Imagine what he must have suffered in the suffering of Norah! To understand all is to forgive all, n'est ce pas?"

There was authority, as well as persuasion, in his tone. Millicent gazed at him, and the first inception of a sad smile lighted her face.

"No doubt you are right," she said with her lips.

Her humid eyes said what the eyes of every woman will say one day or another to him who is strong enough. They said to Emile more plainly than speech: "You are indeed a man." And though he was in the midst of grief, and much grieved himself, it was the happiest moment of Emile's life.

Immediately afterwards they both saw Maurice Courlander, with his wife, leave Millicent's boudoir and disappear down the corridor in the opposite direction from themselves.

Alone with Norah in the boudoir, Maurice had said gently—

"I must go outside and think."

And Norah, without a word, had risen swiftly from the sofa and gone after him. She followed him down the narrow, carpeted staircase, and across the hall, where two of Lady Mary's puppies were playing in charge of a footman, and so out on to the terrace, the great glass doors of which were propped open. The gardens and the lake seemed to languish under the magnificence of the July sun, which was, however, now declining. And afar off, at the summit of the avenue of elms, the statue raised its glittering height with the massive and marble indifference of heroic sculpture.

Norah looked at Maurice, plaintively, beseechingly. He was the master of that superb demesne; and she was his lawful wife. Yet she felt like an interloper, like one who had no right to be there—she who had the power, if she chose, to say to every other woman in the house: "Go."

"Poor little thing!" said Maurice, endearingly.

His tone caressed her, and she was grateful for Maurice had been so terribly preoccupied and morose, even in his passionate kindness to her, during the whole of her stay in London at the flat of some French friends of Emile. Maurice had decided that they should marry, that they must marry, and she had accepted his decision; and everything had been arranged for her, and she had accomplished her personal share of the formalities as though she had been walking in a dream. In those days of suspense, while Maurice was being pushed to paroxysms of terrible anger by the mysterious tactics of the detectives, who avoided explanations and seemed to get no nearer to the solution of their problem, and while Norah hid in her proud and trembling soul secrets which for her life's sake she dared divulge to none—in those days it was that they tasted, each of the other, the sweet and the bitter of the tragic love which bound them together. One fact, and one fact only, emerged with clearness from the confused phantasmagoria that their recent existence had been—the fact that their mutual passion was intensified beyond computing. Sorrow and tragedy lay about them; but they loved. Their love was dire; but they loved.

And so when Maurice murmured: "Poor little thing!" Norah's heart lightened ever so slightly. And she said to herself, stealing her determination—

"Now is the time!"

"Without more words, Maurice descended from the terrace towards the foot of the lake, and Norah kept by his side. Here and there a gardener was working, either on the parterres or on the lawns, and the men touched their caps, and Norah nodded and tried to smile graciously, but Maurice seemed completely to ignore their presence. He was meditating upon exactly what he should do, and how he could contrive things so as to spare Millicent's feelings without wounding Norah's. And he thought, in his simplicity, that Norah's brain was simply employed. He realised that he was married, that he had a wife on his hands, and that the situation was exceedingly complex. Not once, not for a single hour, since the fatal morning at the foot of the statue, had he been able to dominate and classify the multitudinous whirl of ideas, emotions, suspicions, fears, that raged in his head; and he was in no better case now.

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HORSE-SHOEING—Work executed in first-class manner by most competent men. John McKay, successor to Wm. Hodge, 60 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C.

Lithographing

THE WESTERN LITHOGRAPH CO., 333 Yates Street. Producers of fine stationery and artistic color work. Estimates and samples upon request.

Machinists

L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 100 Government Street, Tel. 1011.

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WING POOK YUEN, 21 or 27 Cormorant Street. Clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired.

Metal Polish

GLOBE METAL POLISH cleans silver, copper and brass. For sale by The Shore Hardware Co., Ltd.

Moving Picture Machines

MOTION PICTURES—A new supply of films, "Tales of the East" and "The Stock House," 15 Pandora Street.

Nursing Homes

MISS E. H. JONES, 73 Vancouver St.

Painter and Decorator

JAMES SCOTT ROSS, 21 Pandora Ave., expert paperhanger and decorator. Rooms papered or painted cheap. Signs. Estimates. Write or telephone 1011.

Pawnshop

MONEY LOANED on diamonds, jewelry and personal effects. A. A. Aaronson, 100 Johnson Street, B.C.

Pottery Ware, Etc.

SEWER PIPE, Field Tile, Ground Fire Clay, Flower Pots, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., corner Broad and Pandora streets, Victoria, B.C.

Scavenging

VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO.—Office, 70 Yates Street. Phone 62. Ashes and garbage removed.

WING ON & SON—All kinds of scavenging. Office, 1709 Government St. Phone 21.

Second-Hand Goods

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices. Write or call any day. Address: Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 575 Johnson Street, four doors below Government St. Phone 1177.

Signs

UP-TO-DATE SIGN and glass painting. All kinds. Bulletin, Show Cards, etc. H. H. Turner, 711 Pandora, Phone 1011.

Stoves

STOVES, RANGES AND HEATERS of all kinds bought and sold. N. R. Ford, 1007 Douglas St. Phone 1011.

Teaming

TRIMBLE & SON, general teaming, ploughing and excavating. 17 Putman Street. Phone 1106.

Truck and Dray

HACKS—Phone 271. Victoria Hack Stand, cor. Yates and Government Sts.

TRUCKING—Quick service, reasonable charges. W. A. & Sons, Baker's Feed Store, 540 Yates Street.

VICTORIA TRUCK AND DRAY CO., Telephone 11. Stable Phone 21.

Watch Repairing

A. PETCH, 20 Douglas Street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

The Thorold

1407 GOVERNMENT ST. A QUIET HOUSE. Warm single rooms with clean, comfortable beds. 25c. per Night. \$1.50 per Week.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at its next session, for a transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises situated in Store Street, in the City of Victoria, known as the Telegraph Pool, of this city aforesaid. Dated this 14th day of November, 1936, at Victoria, B.C. JAMES DUFFIN, Applicant.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the Colwood Hotel, situated at Colwood, B.C. DANIEL CAMPBELL, Colwood, B.C., 19th November, 1936.

Business Chances.

A BETTER OPPORTUNITY for investment than has been offered recently is at present open. A manufacturing and industrial business in Vancouver that paid 10 per cent. cash dividend last year is expanding and placing shares on the market. It will bear the closest investigation, and is too good to be missed by those looking for a sound and highly profitable investment. For full particulars address Box 14, Times.

Houses to Rent

TO LET—6 roomed house, rent \$12 per month, including water; eight minutes from two car lines. Apply 57 Johnson Street.

TO LET—5 room house, with back kitchen, pantry, bath, hot and cold water, electric light, sewer, good garden, close to car, \$20 monthly. Apply Bond & Chap.

3 ROOM COTTAGE, in James Bay district, 1850, a sound cash balance on very easy terms. J. Greenwood, real estate, Government Street.

TO LET—A room cottage, 70 Market St. TO LET—A roomed cottage on Dallas Road. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, 104 Dallas Road.

FURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT. Apply 131 Quadra Street.

Houses for Sale

FOR SALE—A bargain, 6 roomed bungalow, new and modern, full sized lot, near hospital and car line, only \$10,000. E. C. B. Englehart, 618 Fort Street.

NEWLY BUILT 5 room cottage, all modern conveniences, lot 1850, on Dallas Road. Empire Realty Co., 612 Yates Street.

HOUSES, cottages, etc., built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material; designs and estimates free. Box 125, Times Office.

NEW ONE AND A HALF STORY HOUSE, every modern convenience, five rooms, basement, will be ready for occupancy middle of December; Duchess Street, near Fort Street; \$2,500; \$600 cash. A. R. Sherwood, 65 Fort Street.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL up-to-date houses, good location, to be sold at a great price. Also two up-to-date automobiles. Any party going into business might be able to make a deal by paying some cash and the rest in real estate, either ranch or house property. One of the auto seats five and the other seven comfortably. Box 462, Times Office.

FOR SALE—New 5 room bungalow, full sized lot, modern, finished throughout, with all modern improvements, and two lots, fruit trees and small fruit. For particulars apply 143 Grant Street.

CHOICE LITTLE PROPERTY near Victoria, fine situation, beautiful surrounding views, splendidly timbered, extra well fenced and laid out, fruit trees and ornamental shrubs; stylish new house, well furnished; and with new barn, dairy, fowl house and woodshed. The whole, including furniture, stock and complete set of implements, horse, cow, buggy, wagon, etc., for sale. Terms: Address: B. C. Times Office.

SPECIAL—One of the best finished 9 roomed modern houses in the city, with 2 or more lots. C. H. Revercomb, 618 Trillave Avenue.

FOR RENT OR SALE—House and one acre, stable and chicken house, at Mt. Tomin. 25 William Street, Victoria.

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—First-class salesman to take charge of our real estate department. Maymuth & Co., Mahon Bldg.

WANTED—A good man to break out concrete, and general rough work. Apply Alex. Rutherford, Empress Hotel, Boiler Room.

STOCK SALESMAN WANTED—Salary commission. Maymuth & Co., Mahon Bldg.

RESPECTABLE BOY WANTED for Empress Hotel billiard saloon. Apply at saloon.

WANTED—Messengers, with wheels. Apply Hasty Messenger Co., 132 Langley Street.

Housekeeping Rooms

TO LET—Furnished rooms, with modern conveniences. 44 Kingston Street.

Lost and Found

LOST—A hand bag containing bills, keys, etc., between Rock Bay Avenue and Taylor's Mill. Finder please return to Bailey & Bloomquist, grocers, corner Fort and Blanchard streets.

LOST—Purse containing sum of money, between Cor. Government and Johnson and Princess. Finder please return to Douglas Street. Reward. Apply this office.

Lots for Sale

FOR SALE—Lot 12130, on Rockland Ave. near Col. Apply owner, P. O. Box 523.

FOR SALE—Lots, very cheap, on Paul Bay Road, Leighton, Amphion, Hulton. Single lots from \$25; double lots, \$45; one-third cash, balance six, twelve, eighteen months. E. C. B. Englehart, 618 Fort Street.

FOR SALE—Fine lots on Cook Street, splendid soil, only \$200; easy terms. C. H. Revercomb.

FOR SALE—Four lots on Hillside Avenue. Apply 129 Johnson Street, or telephone 1011. Mrs. E. Conner.

FOR SALE—A good lot, together, in vicinity of C. P. R. wharf, ideal site for hotel or apartment house; \$2,500 each; easy terms. Yates & Jay, solicitors, 600 Bastion Street, Victoria.

GOOD BUILDING LOT—Prospect road, close to Fort Street and car line, good black soil, for quick sale \$500; 3 acres, rich black loam, cleared and fenced, for nursery, \$1,000; liberal terms. 1 mile from City Hall. E. White, 635 Fort Street.

TENDERS

Tenders for the supply of school requisites for the coming school year will be received up to December 14th by the Secretary of the School Board, at whose office specifications may be obtained. The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

READ THE TIMES

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—Female cook for small restaurant. Address: Wm. Hodge, 60 Johnson Street, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED—A waitress, at Victoria Hotel.

Miscellaneous

LUCKY PUDDING SETS—Get one for your Christmas or New Year's pudding, \$1 and \$2 each. Redfern's, Government Street.

MAYMUTH & CO.'S PRIVATE EXCHANGES—Mahon Bldg. Open daily 10:30 a.m. until noon for the buying and selling of all local, B. C. and North-Western mines. If you are interested in investments, either buying or selling, see us. We charge no commission for buying.

A POPULAR LECTURE will be delivered by Rev. Tremayne Dunstan on "Cecil Rhodes, the Empire Builder, by One Who Knows," on Monday, Dec. 14th, at 8 p.m., in the Lecture Hall of the Congregational Church, Pandora Ave. Admission, 2c.

A PORTAL BRINGS complete information of the Pinger Mines, Limited, the best mining investment in B. C. today. Price, per share, \$100. Present price, per share, \$100. Maymuth & Co., Mahon Bldg.

HOUSES, cottages, etc., built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material; designs and estimates free. Box 125, Times Office.

EVERY SUFFERER FROM RHEUMATISM can be cured by using a Lion Anti-Rheumatic Ring. For sale by Redfern, Government Street.

FOR FRESH CIGARS and tobacco, and all the latest news, see Joe McDowell, King and Cigar and News Stand, next to Panthea Theatre.

WANTED—From 2 to 5 acres improved land with buildings, near city. Box 62, Times Office.

MISS GALLICHAH, Dressmaker, 612 Quadra Street.

WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, to make profitable mining investments, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Most interesting report free. Engineer, 700 O'Leary, Washington.

MISS WILSON, Dressmaker, has removed her workrooms from the Promis Block to her home on Oak Bay Avenue, 418 Victoria Road. Phone 1106.

NOTICE—For the next six weeks, I am undersigned will sell my property, lots, in the yard, alleyways and vacant lots in the city of Victoria. For the old way and see what you are getting. J. E. Office, 225 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. Phone 1123.

HANBURY'S BAKERY is the place to buy high quality goods.

TO LET—Office in Bank of Montreal Chambers. Apply Bank of Montreal.

FOR SALE—South Wellington coal, the best mined in the province, less 500, the Victoria Fuel Co., tel. 1277. McKee & Patterson, 618 Trillave Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

HAVE YOU TRIED Hanbury's "Mother's Bread"?

THE LATEST sheet metal electric signs. J. Market, maker, Victoria, B.C.

FOR SALE—Two fresh cows. B. Wilkinson, 104 McCaskill Street, Victoria West.

FOR SALE—32-foot launch, equipped with Fairbanks-Morse engine, everything first-class, whole outfit almost new. Apply Times Office for names of owners.

FOR SALE—English plain, dressers and statuary, etc., for sale, 1001 Douglas Street, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

FOR SALE—A fur coat and a gun. Apply Smith, Beaumont P. O.

MILLWOOD and bark slabs, 20 double load; cordwood, 100 loads, \$5.00. Hull, phone 1124.

FOR SALE—Horse, young, sound and thoroughly quiet. Apply Thorpe & Co., Ltd.

BICYCLE CAPES, all sizes, at Harris & Smith's, 129 Broad Street.

ENGLISH WHEELS at great bargains, order to make room for 1937 stock, now in your chance, also bargains in guns and ammunition. At Harris & Smith's.

FOR SALE—Incubator and brooder. Apply 1135 Johnson Street.

FOR SALE—Violin, \$5; razor horse, 20c; pocket compass, 20c; watch fob, 10c; ivory 2 ft. ruler, 10c; diamond glass cutter, \$1.50; aluminum pocket comb, 10c; folding pocket scissors, 20c. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 575 Johnson Street, four doors below Government St.

FOR SALE—One second-hand Houston tenner, one Smith mortar, one shaper, one ten-inch stick, one small hand saw, one hand plane, also 6 heavy horses. Apply Taylor Mill, Douglas Street, 1135 Government St., or P. O. Box 62.

WANTED—Anything second-hand, for sale, heaters, gas-cars, gun (Parker Bros.), hammerless, 12-bore, 12; conifer, 20 up; 100 ft. of 1 1/2 inch pipe; carpenter and machinist's tools, cheap. X. J. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 245 Discovery Street.

FOR SALE—A few new buggies, latest style, second-hand buggies, wagons and carts, two good fresh calved cows, 100 ft. of 1 1/2 inch pipe, 100 ft. of 1 1/2 inch pipe, 100 ft. of 1 1/2 inch pipe. Fisher's Carriage Shop, 245 Discovery Street.

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STRAWBERRYVALE. 2 ACRES FRUIT RANCH FOR SALE, 2 acres cultivated, balance in willow bottom, all drained, 200 four-year-old trees, 2,000 strawberry plants, also raspberries, logberry canes, 5 acres sown to clover, 1/2 acre vegetable garden, very rich soil. Farming implements and root crops. Fine 7 room house, new, static, chicken house. Excellent water supply from a spring also a never failing stream runs through the property. This is a money maker, as the ranch is now in splendid condition to give an immediate return for money invested. \$8,000. Will take \$5,000 cash and balance on terms to suit purchaser.

STRAWBERRYVALE. FIVE ACRES—A snap. \$1,000

THE GRIFFITH CO. ROOM 11, MAHON BUILDING. REAL ESTATE, TIMBER, INSURANCE.

LOTS—Two lots on Bank Street, for a few days at \$1,000 each, and balance to arrange. Good lots and near the car line. Two lots, at corner of Blackwood and Montrose, for \$700; large and slightly.

FRUIT RANCH—Another fruit ranch gone and another wanted by a cash buyer. If you have the right thing we can place it.

TIMBER—We have put 100,000 acres of Vancouver Island timber under option in the last 30 days, and have clients in sight for more. If yours is placed right and priced right we can find a market.

Property for Sale

FOR SALE—41 acres finest land for fruit and chicken ranch, all fenced in, beautifully located, high and dry, plenty of fruit, and only 1/2 mile from City Hall; your own terms. Mrs. Sorenson, Room 8, 1214 Government Street.

FOR SALE—24 acres cleared land, 6 miles out. Owner, Box 580, Times.

FOR SALE—Ranch, 35 acres of the best land on Vancouver Island, 20 acres cleared, 15 acres sown to clover, 1/2 acre vegetable garden, 1/2 acre fruit trees, a section from salt water, 1/2 mile from Victoria; bargain at \$6,000. Elton.

TIMBER—Before buying or selling timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Mahon Bldg., Victoria. Phone 1106.

FOR SALE—Gordon Head road, seven acres, cleared, for land and dairy; must be sold. Lee & Fraser, 11 Trillave Avenue.

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Is what discerning people look for. It is what they invariably get here. We don't fall in the matter of courteous treatment either. It is to our interest to sell the highest grade goods, to make the prices fair and to treat patrons courteously. We realize this and we do this. Our prevailing stock of Fancy Groceries and Xmas Novelties is at its best and shrewd buyers are making selections.

SPECIAL FOR TO-DAY

Ten per cent discount on all Xmas Novelties, Bon-Bons, etc. It is the best day to buy between now and the great festival.

DIXI CEYLON TEA, per lb., 50c and 35c. 3 lbs. for\$1.00

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Capital \$250,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$250 each, of which 750 shares are now offered for subscription at \$200.

Terms of Payment: 10 per cent. payable on application, 15 per cent. payable on allotment, and balance in installments of 10 per cent. at intervals of one month.

AGENTS FOR VICTORIA: STEWART WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers and Agents, Victoria, from whom all particulars can be obtained. Phone 1254.

'The Exchange'

718 FORT STREET
Telephone 177
BUY, SELL, EXCHANGE FURNITURE, ETC.

OFFERS WANTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

One Grand Piano, Erard, London, may be paid for by installments; also one Iron Frame, Vertical String Piano, by Henry Ward, London, \$150; one Grand Piano, upright, by Smith & Co., Manchester, \$140; one Kitchen Cabinet, new, \$25; one Kitchen Cabinet, little used, \$25; Mahogany-Birch Chiffonier, \$25; Oak Quarter Cut Chiffonier, \$22.50, both with Bevelled Mirror; Bureau, with 7 Drawers, \$12.50; Bureau, with 5 Drawers, \$8.50; Gas Range, Yale Water Heater, 3 Wickor Baby-Bugles, \$7.50 and \$9; Boy's Bicycle, \$7; Walnut Folding Cot and Mattress, \$7; Solid Oak Sideboard, \$25; several good Sewing Machines.

Also quantity Travellers' Sample Japanese Fancy Chinaware and new Picture Post Cards.

Stewart Williams, E. E. Hardwick.
Duly instructed by Mrs. L. A. Watson, will sell by Public Auction at her residence,

445 BELLEVILLE STREET
(Opposite the C. P. R. Wharves)
ON THURSDAY, DEC. 17th
At 2 o'clock sharp.

Household Furniture & Effects

Including:
DRAWING ROOM—Handsome Walnut Revolving Writing Desk and Bookcase, Oak Sectional Bookcases, Up. Lounges, Oc. Tables, Oak Rocker, Revolving Chair, Morris Chair, Heater, Pipes and Stand, Flower Stand, Plants, Portieres, etc.
DINING ROOM—Black Walnut Sideboard, Ex. Table, 6 Oak Chairs, Tablecloth, Linoleum, Pictures, etc.
HALL—Very Massive Hall Rack, Flower Stands, Mule Deer Heads, Stuffed Birds, Oc. Table, Clock, Screen, Pictures, etc.
KITCHEN—Tables, Chairs, Cooking Utensils, and Saucepans, Wash Boards, Clothes Baskets, Tubs, Part Dinner Service, Tea Set, Black Coffee Cups, Glassware, Cutlery, Meat Safe, Refrigerator, Brooms, Carpet Sweeper, Long Handled Wall Broom, Lamps, Gurney Range, etc.
BEDROOMS—Very Handsome Brass and Iron Bedstead with Spring Mattress, Child's Iron Cot and Mattresses, Handsome Black Walnut Bedroom Suite, Very Solid Oak Washstand and Bureau with Bevelled Glass Mirror, 3 Toilet Sets, Oc. Tables, Rockers, Chairs, Heaters and Pipe, White Enamelled Bureau, Carpet Squares, Rugs, Sinter Sewing Machine, Inlaid Linoleum, also Half Ton of Coke, Firewood, Hose, Lawn Mower, Shears, Tools, etc.
On view Wednesday, December 16th, from 10 o'clock.

The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams

H. W. DAVIES, M. A. A.

At Salerooms
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Auction Sale TO-MORROW 2 P.M.

A Consignment of New
LINOLEUM
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Household Effects, &c.

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Goods bought at this sale delivered free to any part of city.

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Instructed by Mrs. F. J. Waghorn, we will sell at her residence,

1160 ALFRED STREET
(Between Chambers and Cook streets, two blocks north of Pandora street),

To-morrow

At 2 p. m.,
ALL HER
ALMOST NEW FURNITURE and EFFECTS

Including:
DINING ROOM—Oak Extension Table, 4 Leather Seat Oak Dining, Elegant Oak Rocker, Elegant Weathered Oak Rocker, Elegant Weathered Oak Arm Chair, Oak Centre Table, Bamboo Desk, Bed Couch, Up. Arm Chair, Cozy Corner, Feather Cushions, Bamboo Viatnot, Carpet Square, Bamboo Plate Rack and Shelf, Crockery, China and Glassware, Heater.
THREE BEDROOMS—Three Full Size Iron Bedsteads, Springs and Top Mattresses, White Enamelled Dresser and Stand, White Enamelled Chest of Drawers, Morris Chair, Separate Dresser, 2 Mahogany Cane Seat Chairs, Toilet Sets, Cozy Corner, 3 Almost New Rugs, Inlaid Linoleum, Lace Curtains, Bedroom Tables, Rockers, Screens, Bedroom Linoleum, Almost New Carpet Square.
KITCHEN—Kitchen Cupboard, Kitchen Table and Chairs, Cooking Utensils, Linoleum, Garden Tools, Tubs, Irons, all the Blinds in the House, and (Almost New).

Six Hole Steel Range
This furniture is practically all almost new and is in splendid condition. On view Monday afternoon.

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USEFUL GIFTS

Are the best. Just the biggest collection of good suggestions here that you can imagine—useful as well as ornamental, and all reasonably priced.

FOR YOUR WIFE

Why not select a Canada Range—the best Cooking Range money can buy—newest model with water front, only \$37.75

Carving Sets, from \$1.25 to\$12
Ladies' Fancy Work Sets, popularly priced.
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Military Brushes, just what smart men will appreciate.
Plated Table Ware—Knives, Forks and Spoons; a wide choice and prices lowest on record for such good goods.
A visit here will give lots of hints as to what to buy for that Christmas Present.

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Rainbow Sheet, Peerless Packing, Round and Square Carlock Packing. Hemp and Flax Packings.

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Elegant Oak and Rattan Furniture, Iron Bedsteads, 4 Crates of Fancy China, English Sheffield Cutlery, also 50 Ladies' Furs.

All in this sale are new goods and will be a good chance to get Xmas Gifts. Full particulars later. On view Thursday afternoon.

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Etc. AND EFFECTS

Full Particulars To-morrow.

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Of Dainty Linen Things For Gifts and for Table

HAVE YOU been in to see the special showing of dainty linen gift things? No! Well, you have missed a genuine treat, for it is an unusual display. Unusual in its great choice of articles, but mainly in the excellence of the articles offered.

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Whether you are looking for a solution of the gift problem or in need of something to beautify your own table or home, this is a display that you shouldn't fail seeing.

The assortment contains a big choice in Tray Cloths, Tea Cloths, Sideboard Covers, D'oylies, etc. Second Floor.

New Silver Gifts

Here is a neat little gift to send some housewife, something she'll be pleased to use when she wants her "table" to be just right.

These new Salt Cellars are just about as dainty as any we have ever seen. Pretty cut glass with silver mountings and two cute little spoons. All packed in a handsome little gift package. And the price. Well, it could hardly be easier, for we are offering these at

\$2.50 and \$1.50

Send a Tea Table

Name the woman who wouldn't enjoy receiving one of these pretty Tea Tables (tray and stand) for Christmas. Every woman wants to make the "afternoon tea" a success in every way and welcomes the addition of newness in the necessities for the dispensing of such.

Here is a stylish table that'll please that lady friend of yours, and it is offered at a price that does not prevent you from sending it. Two styles in Early English and Mahogany at

\$10.00 and \$10.50

New Brass Vases

We have just marked some more of those excellent Brass Vases. The last shipment was an early Christmas shipment, but they disappeared long ago and we have been successful in getting through another lot of even more attractive design.

Seems to be a special run on these lines this season. That they are still popular in the public fancy is evidenced in the manner these last arrivals are being picked up. There is a great assortment of designs and the price range—well, here it is

50c and \$1.50

Carving Sets for Xmas Gifts That are Worth While

What about a Carving Set as a gift for a home-keeper? It is a useful article and a good one—the Joseph Rodgers kind—is just about as useful a gift as you could send.

We have a splendid line of this famous make, and there is a great choice in the matter of price, for we have them from \$5.00 to \$20.00.

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Now here is something new in Tableware—something striking in decoration. The new Tally Ho line presents something of unusual artistic merit in low priced ware. Many excellent pieces for plate rail among the collection.

Of course all are serviceable pieces and fit for every day use. And why not have something new and "different" when the price is just about the same as the common sorts?

PLATES, at 50c, 40c and30c
CUPS AND SAUCERS, at60c
TEAPOTS, at, each,\$1.25
SUGARS AND CREAMS, at, per pair, .75c
JUGS, at, each, \$1.00 and90c
TOBACCO JARS, at, each\$1.50

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This toast he said he felt would appeal to everyone present. Where was the toast asked, who if he had the chance would not belong to the British Empire? The English showed themselves to be among the bravest men in the world, and it was no wonder that her sons were proud. When it was seen what they had accomplished in every walk of life, anyone must be proud to be an Englishman. The Scotch and Irish had done their share, but the English were the dominant factor in all lines of activity. They had no national prejudices, however, in this land, and such societies as the Sons of England did not foster such, but they did much to keep up the traditions of the Old Land. When it was considered what England had done in the past they as Englishmen should hold together and show that they were proud of their native land, always holding it in reverence and respect—the mother of nations. He asked them to drink the toast.

J. W. Critchley replied on behalf of the sons and daughters of England in one of those happy humorous speeches for which he is noted. He said he did not blame people for being Scotch or Irish, because of course they could not help it. They had nothing to say against any other nation, not even against Germany. Of course they knew what action the Germans had taken in the South African affair, but that was all settled and the map was painted red and would remain that color. England had noticed managed affairs very well. There was no trouble just at present, but they could not tell when there might be. The reservoir would never be beaten so long as the sons and daughters of the empire were loyal to the land of their birth. The world owed much of its civil and religious liberty to the English. Life and property were secure in England, and they also owed a great debt to the greatest king that ever reigned. Many of the best business men he noticed were English, and they were not afraid to spell it with a big H.

In proposing the toast to the British Empire, George Jay made a neat and impressive speech in which he said that the sons of England were that day celebrating the founding of the order from Halifax to Victoria. They were also active in South Africa. The society was not only benevolent, but dealt with all questions tending to imperial development and solidarity.

W. H. Price, in replying, believed

that the Sons of England had a great work before them. They should instill into the members what were the principles of true citizenship. He hoped Canadians would help bear the burdens of Empire. He thought the rulers of the country were with them in that, and it was now their duty to educate the people. The English were the best citizens of the country.

In proposing the health of the Mayor and Council, Dr. George Hall said that a year ago the present mayor had outlined his policy at the annual banquet of that society. The present was a business council. They had the water question well under way and other questions were being dealt with from a business-like point of view. For this reason he had little doubt that the next mayor would be. He was disappointed that men of the type of Richard Hall refused to again offer themselves for election.

Mayor Hall in replying assured them that it was a distinguished honor to respond to this toast. He was proud not only to be mayor of the city but also to be a true born and bred Englishman. He came to the country about the same time that Colonel Prior did. He believed the city was at present more prosperous than it had ever been before. There were between 900 and 1,000 men on the city payroll, including the teachers, and this spoke of prosperity. Their bonds were bringing a good price, the last lot offered bringing 98 from Toronto buyers, whereas when he took office a year ago they were being offered 88 for them. They also had a good standing on the London market. The reservoir was well under way and would be finished, he thought, in time for next summer's use.

Speaking of the salt water fire protection system the mayor said that if he had done nothing else he considered that was something to be proud of. The system would save the people money for he had just recently been assured that the insurance rates would be reduced one-half when the system was in working order.

His Worship then outlined a number of improvements which he thought should be made. He was, he said, in favor of improving the centre of the city as people coming here got their first impressions from that. The city in ten years, he thought, should have one hundred thousand inhabitants. The coming year would be one of the great-

est the city had ever seen. They expected at least 300,000 visitors against 97,000 this last year. He hoped to live to see the time when they would have no mud on the streets, and the city would be worthy of the name of the City of Flowers.

Our Host and Hostess was proposed by H. O. Savage, and songs were sung at intervals throughout the evening by A. Crocker, Sergeant Rondeau and W. Williams, Arthur Berwick being the accompanist. George Millett, a veteran of the Crimean, gave a recitation which was particularly well received. After the singing of the National Anthem the gathering broke up at midnight.

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